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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Coronation Festivities

WITH but a single exception, Hongkong has good reason to feel satisfied with the official Coronation celebrations. There can be no complaint about the imaginative and generous street decorations and the illuminations. They have measured up to the best of standards. The dragon processions delighted and the police work in marshalling and controlling the vast crowds both in Hongkong and Kowloon was highly commendable. Generally speaking the planning of the celebrations was good and satisfactory executed. Kowloon might feel it was not altogether fairly treated with regard to the dragon procession. The shortness of the route was rather surprising. One would have expected a little more consideration for the Shamshuiipo residents. The procession might easily have started from Shamshuiipo which would not only have allowed more people to see it, but would have helped to lighten the crushes in Nathan Road. Of the official daytime celebrations the dragon processions were intended to be the high spots. That on Tuesday through Hongkong fulfilled requirements, but yesterday's display in Kowloon was a trifle disappointing.

UNFORGIVABLE, however, was Tuesday night's fireworks fiasco. As the climax of a memorable day it was profoundly disappointing. The Royal Navy came to the rescue, but this cannot absolve those who were responsible in the first place for arranging the display. The use of locally-made fireworks was a big mistake. The occasion demanded that the best available fireworks be used and it should have been known by the organisers that they were not to be found in Hongkong. The Colony expected and should have been provided with a Brock's display; apart from the contribution made by the naval ships, nothing was set off on Tuesday night which compared even with a back garden Fifth of November celebration. The community feels grateful to the Royal Navy for the big improvement in last night's display, but even this cannot wipe out the memory of Tuesday's poor showing and the feeling that it spoilt what was otherwise a memorable Coronation Day, fittingly celebrated.

Panmunjom Meeting

TODAY'S proceedings at Panmunjom may well determine whether or not a Korean armistice can be reached. The Communists have had nine days to ponder over the United Nations latest proposals which means that whatever attitude they show at today's meeting, it will be calculated. They have been given abundant time to study the Allies' new conditions and they cannot fail to appreciate that they represent the limit of the UN's concessions in the matter of repatriating prisoners of war. No sign has been given by the Reds of how they intend to reply to the proposals, and certainly no grounds exist for over-optimism that they will regard them as acceptable. Nevertheless they have been presented with a fine opportunity for bringing the deadlock to an end, and if they reject it, there can be no escaping from the conclusion that the Communists have no desire for a cessation of hostilities.

MALIK-CHURCHILL CONFERENCE

Arouses Much Speculation In London

London, June 3. The Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, today conferred at length with the Soviet Ambassador, Mr Jacob Malik, at 10 Downing Street, it was learned at the Foreign Office.

The meeting, the first engagement of the Prime Minister after the Coronation, aroused considerable speculation in political and diplomatic quarters. Officials maintained a strict silence on the topic of discussion and declined to confirm suggestions that the question of a four-power meeting had been formally considered.

It was the first formal meeting between Sir Winston and the new Soviet Ambassador, who arrived here only last Thursday. Mr Malik paid a courtesy call on Sir William Strong, permanent Under Secretary at the Foreign Office, shortly after his arrival. Last Thursday he was received by Her Majesty the Queen to hand his credentials.

Foreign Office officials said today that nothing was known so far of any formal Russian approach to Mr Churchill's proposal for a four-power meeting. Nor was there confirmation of reports that the Soviet Premier, Mr Georgi Malenkov, had sent messages to President Dwight Eisenhower and Sir Winston allegedly dealing with the possibility of a four-power conference among the West and the Kremlin.

BERMUDA TALKS Meanwhile, the Foreign Office announced today that closed consultation was in progress with the United States and France on the final date for the three-power conference in Bermuda. Officials believed the meeting would be held before the end of June, but no firm date has so far been decided. The original plan to hold the meeting by the middle of this month has been officially abandoned following discussion between the French Ambassador, M. Rene Massigli, and Sir Winston.

Sir Winston feels however, informants said, that the meeting should not be delayed too long. He was said to favour the last week-end in June or a date in the first week of July. Sir Winston has suggested to President Eisenhower that the meeting be an informal one, to enable them to discuss essential issues as "among friends" and to review the international situation without adherence to a point-by-point advance plan, the sources said.

Sir Winston will not take any of his leading Cabinet Ministers with him, nor his Minister of State for foreign affairs, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, who runs the Foreign Office's day to day business in the absence of the Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden. But Sir Winston is picking his advisers from among the government experts and he will take a small group of technical staff with him, the sources said.

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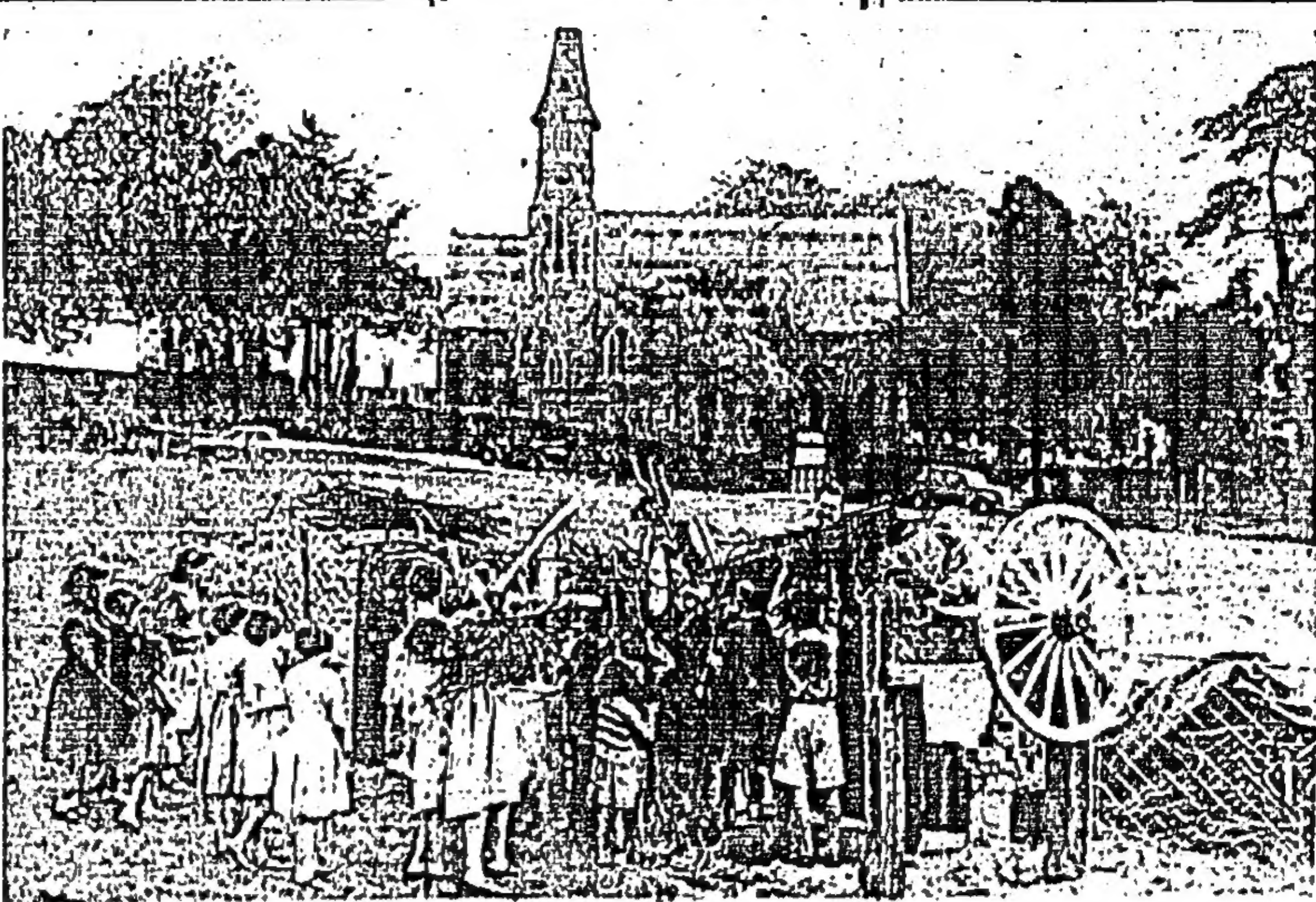
London, June 3. The British Commonwealth today approved the projected Bermuda meeting between Britain, the United States and favoured early Western talks with Russia.

Authoritative sources said the Commonwealth Prime Ministers now in conference here were unanimous on both points. The eight overseas Prime Ministers accepted the view of Sir Winston Churchill's Government that the Bermuda session should try to pave the way for a Big Four meeting of the Western powers and Russia.

The Bermuda talks—in which Sir Winston Churchill, President Eisenhower and the French Prime Minister will take part—were delayed until France settles her new Government.

They now start later than the original date of June 17 as Britain and the United States are proceeding on the assumption that France must be represented. Sir Winston Churchill opened the week-long conference this afternoon with an analysis of

Part Of The Celebrations



In many parts of England the Coronation celebrations included the roasting of a whole ox on the village green. This picture shows children at Ide Hill, near Sevenoaks, Kent, building up a wood fire on an ancient wheel spit.—London Express.

The Queen Expresses Her Thanks

London, June 3. Queen Elizabeth today sent her thanks to everybody who made Coronation Day "so happy and memorable".

The message was addressed to "all concerned with the arrangements for the Coronation ceremonies and the marshalling and care of the great crowds which they attracted".

The Queen recalled the months of preparations for "this great ceremony" and said "this has laid a great burden on all branches of the public service, which they have willingly shouldered with the single purpose of ensuring the dignity of this ancient rite and of the celebrations which accompany it".

The Queen added that as she drove through London yesterday she had a chance of seeing "the ingenuity of the decorations which, I know, have been matched by others throughout the country and indeed throughout all parts of the Commonwealth".—Reuter.

TRUCE DELEGATES RE-MEET TODAY

Tokyo, June 4. Allied and Communist truce delegates will meet today (Thursday) despite unwavering South Korean objections for what may be the decisive session of the two-year-old armistice negotiations.

The Communists, after 10 days in which to study the secret United Nations proposal, presumably will have their answer ready. It may bring an end to the three-year-old Korean war. There was no authoritative hint as to what the Red answer might be but there was guarded optimism among some observers who thought that the Communists might accept the United Nations Command plan with modifications or alternative proposals which the UNC could agree to.

South Korean officials were, meanwhile, still firmly opposed to the United Nations plan which they charged, abrogates South Korean sovereignty. President Eisenhower has sent at least one note to the South Korean President, Syngman Rhee, in an attempt to reach agreement, apparently without too much success.

RHEE'S ACTION

Mr Rhee, in what may have been a step to quash more vigorous objections from South Korea's formidable little army, yesterday relieved seven generals from their duties so that they could "visit the United States"—a time-honoured method of avoiding a difficult situation without losing face.

Major-General Chul Duk-soon, South Korean delegate who boycotted the last plenary meeting but who said that he saw the UNC "transcript" later, said that the Communists had specifically turned down that part of the UN proposal turning over to the United Nations prisoners who continue to reject repatriation.

Although the disposal of such prisoners is the one basic issue that has separated the Allies and the Communists almost since the talks started, it seemed unlikely that the Communists in the past 10 days have drawn up a counter-proposal which the UNC might be willing to accept or at least to negotiate over.

Despite reports from Washington that the UNC proposal is a "take it or leave it" affair, it was not thought likely that UNC delegates would reject further negotiations if they could see any hope of an eventual agreement, provided that the basic United Nations principle of no forced repatriation is preserved.

In fact, as the show-down stage approached it seemed that the United Nations would have more trouble with its South Korean ally than with the Communist enemy.

South Korea's official spokesman, in a statement approved by Mr Rhee, reiterated yesterday that the Republic's opposition to an armistice had undergone no change at all. This was after reports were circulated that Mr Rhee had expressed agreement with the United States stand on the truce issue.

Nevertheless, if it came to a choice of whether to please South Korean officials or to conclude a truce with the Communists, there seemed little doubt that the United States would choose the latter course.

New Safety Device

London, June 3. British air safety experts have developed a new plane fire warning device which automatically switches on a warning light or sounds an alarm in the pilot's cockpit when it "smells out" a fire.

The device consists of a length of steel wire running through the aircraft which has a temperature-sensitive metal filling and through which an electric current runs.

As the temperature rises the electrical resistance of the filling decreases. When it reaches a point at which there is danger of fire, the circuit is completed and the warning sounds.

Coronation Spree In Korea

London, June 3. While Sir John Nott-Bower, deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, worked to keep order during yesterday's coronation celebrations, his son in Korea was stirring up a mild disorder.

Lieutenant W. J. Nott-Bower with the Durham Light Infantry, celebrated the great day by leading a patrol to place a Coronation emblem opposite to the Chinese trenches in the front line.

And thousands of miles away his father—a model of good behaviour, was on duty outside Buckingham Palace to see that pranksters did not get too far out of hand.—Reuter.

Soviet-Argentine Trade Pact

Moscow, June 3. An important six-man Soviet Commercial Mission is going to Buenos Aires to conclude discussions for a trade pact with the Argentine it was announced today by the Argentine Embassy.—Reuter.

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LONDON REVELRY

Unforgettable Coronation Scenes

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, June 3. Reluctantly, after yesterday's never-to-be-forgotten pomp and ceremony, London is returning to normal.

Late into the night the celebrations went on in the rain-soaked streets of the West End. Tens of thousands saw the mammoth £14,000 firework display on the Thames Embankment and thrilled to the sight of 1,500 rockets exploding simultaneously hundreds of feet above their heads.

And, as the last spark from the last rocket flickered and died, they turned in a mass towards Buckingham Palace where they joined thousands already there clamouring for the Queen.

Somewhere in this vast happy crowd a young girl, with a pink scarf tied round her head to keep off the rain, joined in the chants of "We want the Queen."

In the excitement none recognised her as the 17-year-old Princess Alexandra of Kent, who earlier in the day had occupied a place of honour in Westminster Abbey.

In the Palace the Queen had pressed a switch and watched from a window the river at light blaze in the Mall and sweep across London. The light, reflected from the low-lying clouds, bathed the capital in a warm glow.

Then, at midnight, the Queen and Prince Philip made their sixth and final appearance on the Palace balcony. Below, 150,000 people went wild with delight.

Parties go on. Ten minutes later the flood-lighting round the Palace was dimmed and the crowd began to disperse. Coronation Day had ended but parties continued into the early hours.

At the Savoy Hotel Sir Winston Churchill joined the revelers who included the Commonwealth Prime Ministers, Eastern rulers, American millionaires and British peers.

In countless homes throughout the country, too, merrymaking lasted till dawn.

Today the Queen presented Coronation Medals to 2,600 overseas troops at a parade on the lawns of Buckingham Palace watched by the Commonwealth Prime Ministers and the High Commissioners.

London, too, it was the turn of millions of "little people" to greet their newly-crowned monarch. Lining the miles of streets through some of the capital's poorest quarters, leaning from windows bright with red, white and blue bunting, they cheered themselves hoarse as the Queen drove slowly past.

Then he turned to where the Queen stood on the terrace overlooking the garden and added: "I am sure she must have been proud of them."

Mr Lyttelton was at the Palace with scores of overseas representatives to see the newly-crowned Queen present Coronation medals to 2,600 Commonwealth and Colonial troops who took part in the procession.—Our own correspondent.



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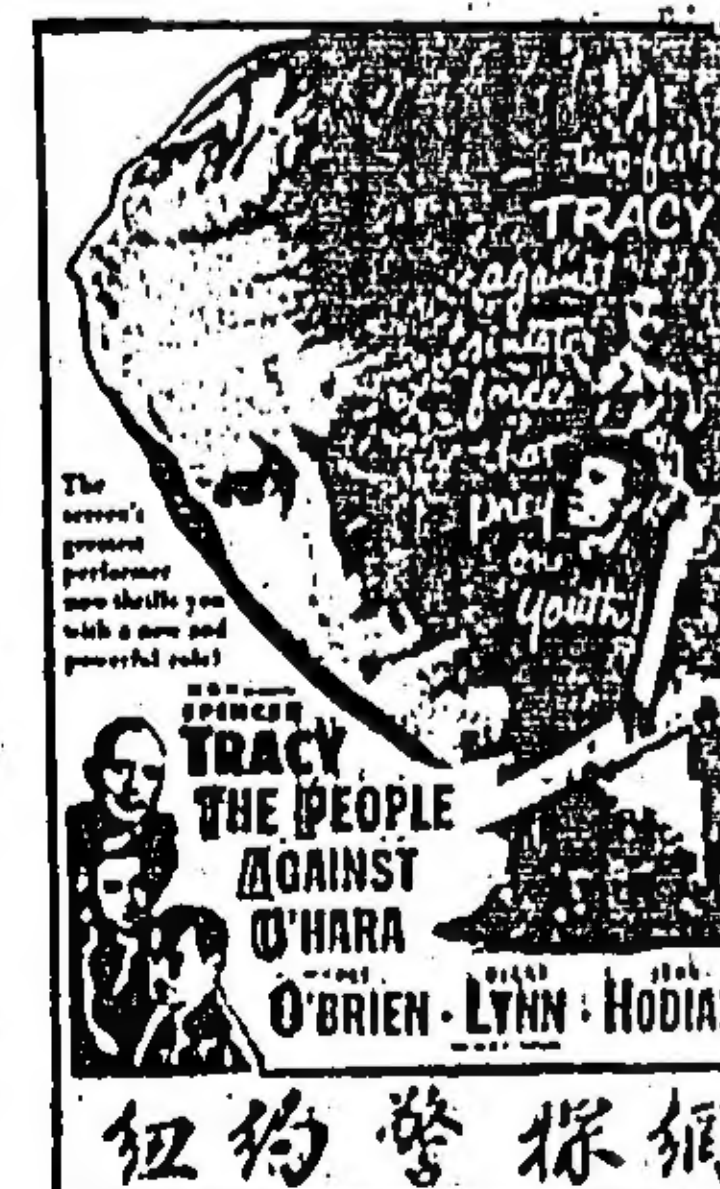
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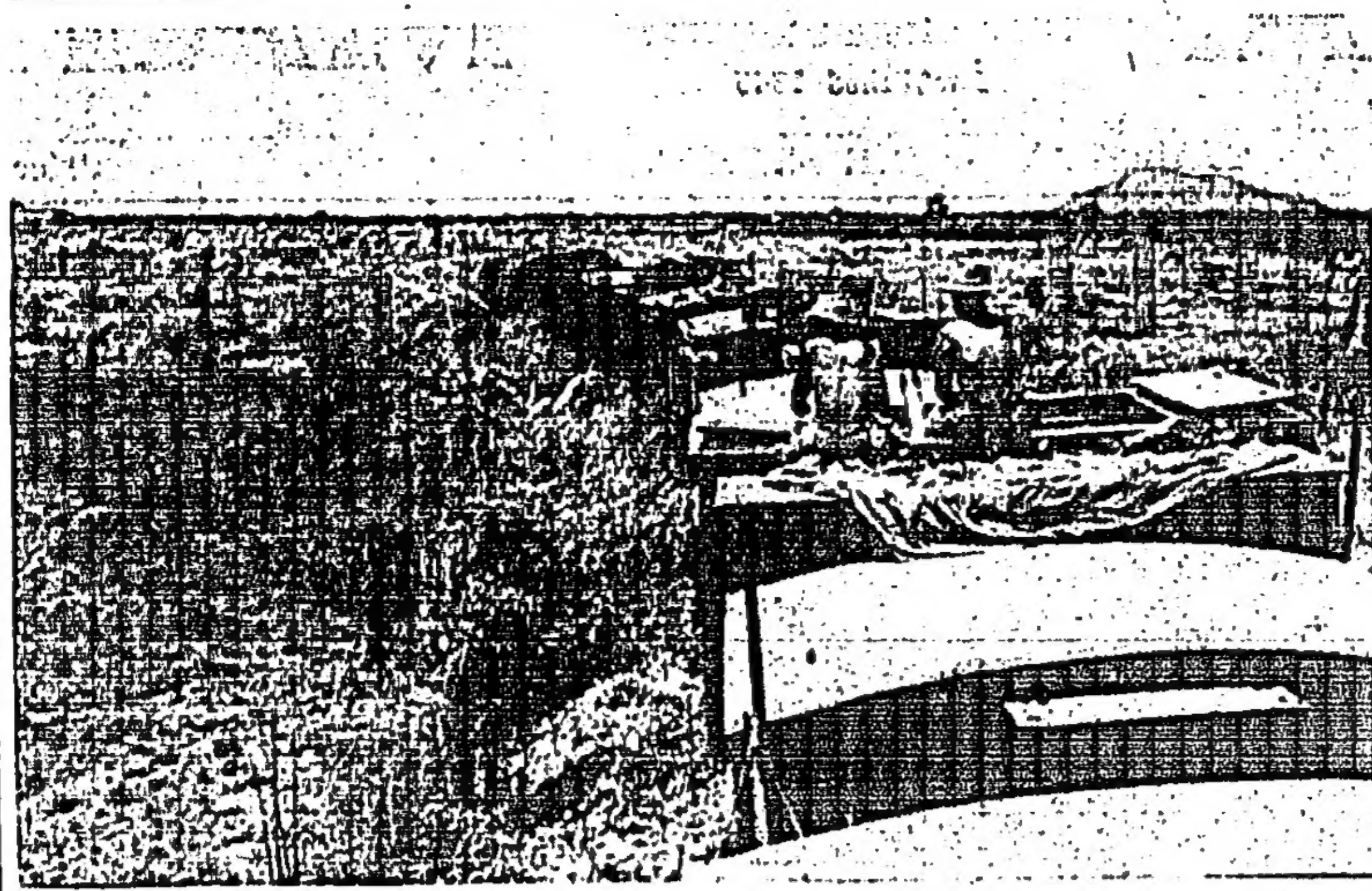
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The Indo-China war increases in ferocity, and this armoured train arrives at Muong Nam Station, near Phan Thiet, where a concentration of Vietnamese forces had previously been reported.—Express Photo.

Freak Accident To Freighter

New Orleans, June 3. Part of a warehouse roof toppled on to the bow of the 6,004-ton Japanese freighter Mayahaku Maru after the vessel was in collision with a wharf while steaming up the Mississippi River today.
The bow of another ship at the wharf was scraped in the collision but no one was injured.
An hour after the crash, tugs were manoeuvring the Japanese ship from the wharf with the roof section still on her bow.—Reuter.

Repaying Debt To Britain

Colombo, June 3. Ceylon, whose crop failures led to a crisis last year, is repaying her last overseas food debt with the shipment of 2,000 tons of Australian flour to Britain, Mr. K. Alivipillai, Secretary of the Food Ministry, said today.
Britain was one of several countries which helped Ceylon with lent or diverted food supplies.
The flour, already shipped from Australia on Ceylon's account, will shortly reach Britain, Mr. Alivipillai said.
In the past five months Ceylon imported 110,000 tons of flour, of which 19,000 tons came from Canada.
During that period Ceylon received 90,000 tons of rice from Communist China under a long-term trade agreement.
The Ceylon-China pact provides for the annual exchange of 270,000 tons of rice from China and 50,000 tons of sheet rubber from Ceylon.—Reuter.

Burma Issues Licences For Rubber Export

Rangoon, June 3. The Burmese Government has issued licences to ship Burmese rubber to non-Communist countries, including Britain and Malaya, it was authoritatively learned today.
Burma last week issued a licence to export 2,500 tons of rubber to Communist China, causing comment among rubber traders here.
The issue of licences to non-Communist countries has relieved rubber producers, worried about increasing rubber stocks.
Burma shipped 1,500 tons of rubber to China in March, and the American Embassy here reacted with a mild protest.
Soon after, the Government put controls on rubber and it was thought that this was to prevent further exports to Communist China.—Reuter.

Russia's Major Objective

New York, June 3. General Alfred M. Gruenther said today that peace would be endangered if Russia succeeded in its "major objective of isolating the United States from its Allies."
General Gruenther will succeed General Matthew Ridgway soon as Supreme Commander of NATO forces in Europe. He made the comment as he arrived from Paris at Jalewille Airport to receive an honorary degree from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey.—Reuter.

Engineer Suggests Treadmill To Relieve Congestion

Rome, June 3. Rome's Underground that goes nowhere has a would-be rival now—a US\$10,000,000 underground treadmill in the heart of the city.
An enterprising Roman engineer has presented the city authorities with a plan to build a below-the-surface treadmill system to help relieve traffic congestion.

Archaeologists, who dug up enough ancient Roman brick-ware to fill a museum during the 15-year long construction of the Eternal City's useless US\$20,000,000 Underground, received the announcement with glee. But most Romans were not interested.

The treadmill plan is to build a system of belts travelling the city, where Rome's ancient, narrow streets cause a serious traffic problem.

According to the engineer who thought it up, the treadmill could transport more than 100,000 persons an hour. It would stop at 11 different places, including the main office, the central railroad station and other centres.

Unlike "Mussolini's Folly", as the white elephant Underground system is sometimes called, the treadmill would make some use of already existing railroad beds in certain areas.

The Underground—originally intended as a connection between the main railroad station and a projected world exposition site—runs its own haphazard course over seven miles straight to an abandoned meadow.

The late dictator conceived it in 1938. At the end of the line there was to have been a world's fair in 1942. Some of the buildings of the proposed fair were completed, but the war came and ended the entire project.

After the war, efforts were made to finish the Underground, and last year a spur of the line was put in operation for about three months, before it closed for lack of business.—United Press.

BRITISH BASE IN BELGIUM

Brussels, June 3. Belgium's Lower House today passed a Bill containing an agreement under which Britain is building a military base near Antwerp.

Voting was 176 for with 9 against and 7 abstaining.

The agreement about the base, which is on the supply line to British troops in Germany, was signed in Brussels in November. About 2,500 Belgians are employed at the base where a few British troops are already installed. The Bill was passed by the Upper House in March and will become law when King Baudouin signs it.—Reuter.

Bid To Ease Tension

Jerusalem, June 3. The Jordan Government has agreed to Israeli proposals for a resumption of meetings between local commandants in a bid to ease border tension, an Israeli Army spokesman announced today.
Jordan's consent was given at today's emergency meeting of the Israeli-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission.
The first meeting would take place next Monday, he said.—Reuter.

Father Crosbie Due To Reach Moscow Today

Moscow, June 3. Father Philip Joseph Crosbie, a Catholic priest, released last week after almost three years' internment in North Korea, is due to reach Moscow on the trans-Siberian railway at noon tomorrow, an Australian Embassy spokesman said today.
He added that the Embassy was trying to arrange for Father Crosbie, an Australian subject, to be flown to Berlin on the regular Soviet airlines plane leaving here on Saturday morning as the next stage in his journey to Australia.

Father Crosbie, the only Australian civilian to fall into North Korean hands, was interned in July 1950.
He is the 20th Allied civilian interned released by the North Koreans after Russian intervention.—Reuter.

Invitation To The I.L.O.

Tokyo, June 1. The Japanese Government has formally invited the International Labour Organisation to hold its second Asian Regional Conference in Tokyo from September 14 to 20, it was officially announced today.
The invitation has been forwarded by the Japanese Consul-General in Geneva, Mr. Kenjiro Sato, to the ILO Director-General.—France-Press.

Dulles Convinces Indian Premier

Washington, June 3. The United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, today told Senators he believed he had convinced India's Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, of "the sincerity of purpose" of the United States in the Korean truce talks.

Senator Alexander Wiley (Republican, Wisconsin), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said this after Mr. Dulles discussed his recent trip to the Middle East and South Asia in a private meeting with the Committee.
Mr. Dulles said Mr. Nehru at first was inclined to believe that the adamant United States stand against forced repatriation of prisoners in Korea "was just used as a wedge to cover some other purpose." Senator Wiley said.

"But Mr. Dulles said he convinced him we were sincere—that it was a matter of principle," he added.
Mr. Dulles had reported that he had several long, intimate private conversations with Mr. Nehru and described the talks as an exchange of views which led to a better understanding, Senator Wiley said.

MUTUAL FEARS
Mr. Dulles also told the committee that he had emphasized to both Israeli and Arab leaders the United States support of the Arab-Israeli boundaries fixed in the 1950 armistice agreement which ended the war in Palestine.

Mr. Dulles found much bitterness among the Arabs against Israel and that both sides feared each other.

"The United States is trying to allay those fears by reaffirming the declaration of 1950 that we would take a general view of violations of the Arab-Israeli armistice boundaries," Senator Wiley said.
He added that Mr. Dulles said "a lasting peace settlement between Israel and the Arab states will probably have to be worked out step by step," and that "an early overall peace should not be expected."

VERY DANGEROUS
Mr. Dulles described the situation in Egypt as "very inflammable and dangerous because of the intensity of the dispute between Britain and Egypt and the great importance of the Suez Canal."

The Secretary reported he had several talks with the Egyptian Prime Minister, Gamal Abdel Nasser, and emphasized "the international importance of the base and the necessity of reaching a solution."

He told the Senators he believed Egyptian sovereignty should be protected in such a solution.
"It has been agreed that the British troops should leave but the great question is who will operate and maintain the Suez base, which is tremendously important to the whole Middle East area and indeed to our own security," Senator Wiley said.
The United States was offering "its good offices" to try to settle the dispute and to "knock their heads together," Senator Wiley said, but he added that as far as he knew a specific solution had not emerged.—Reuter.

Speed Man To Sell Engines

London, June 3. Group Captain H. J. Wilson, who set up a 600 m.p.h. world speed record in a Meteor fighter just after the war, has become sales manager of the engine division of the Blackburn aircraft concern.
Three years before the war Wilson was a test pilot at Blackburns.
As war-time chief test pilot at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, Wilson tested captured German aircraft for the RAF.
Group Captain Wilson, 43, was a pioneer jet pilot and trained the RAF's first jet fighter squadron.

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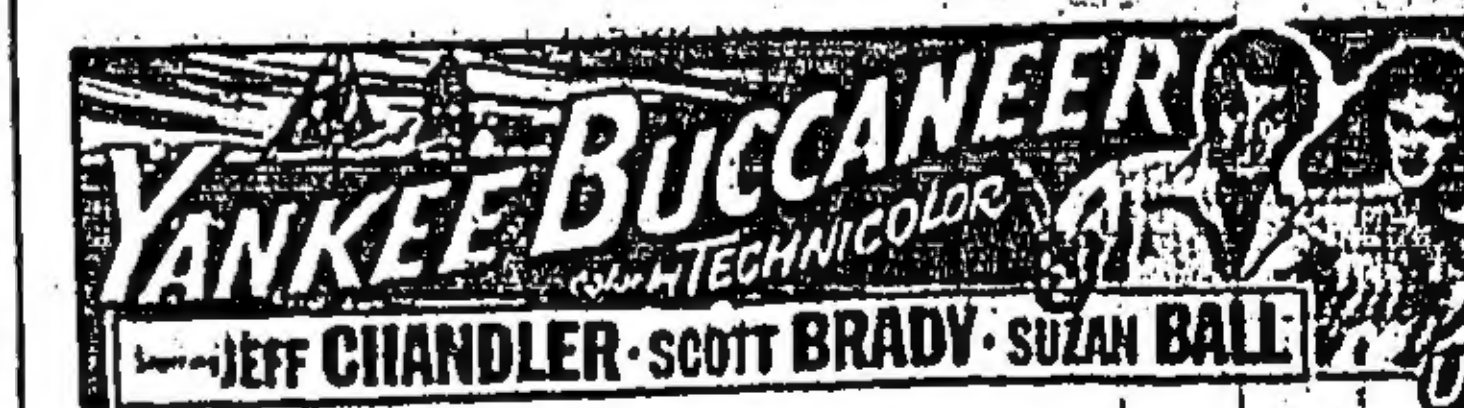
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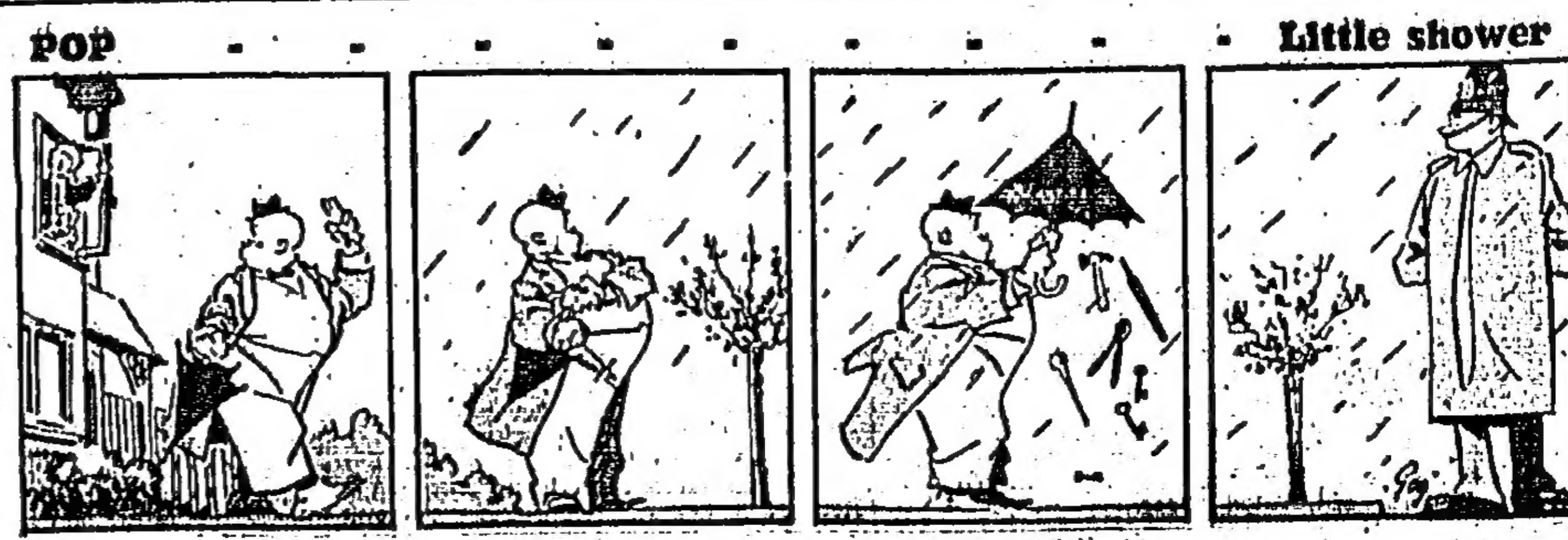
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Bitter Election Campaign

Polling In Italy
On Sunday

Rome, June 3. Italian Communists seized the Congressional testimony of an American businessman today to accuse the Government of Premier Alcide de Gasperi of "corruption" in the bitter campaign for Sunday's Parliamentary elections.

The home stretch of the campaign electioneering, which ends by law at midnight on Friday, was marked by these developments:

1. The Vatican City newspaper, *Osservatore Romano*, issued a plea to Roman Catholics to unite behind Alcide de Gasperi's Government, warning that their defeat might well bring Italy "irreparable disaster."

It cautioned Catholics not only against Communism on the left but also against the growing monarchist and Fascist movements on the right.

2. The Interior Minister, Mario Scelba, charged that there was a "secret agreement" between the Communists and neo-Fascists to bring about the defeat of the Centre Parties.

Signor Scelba, addressing a Christian Democratic rally in Sicily, warned voters "not to be taken in" by the claims of the neo-Fascist MSA that it was the most vigorously anti-Communist forces in the country.

Signor Scelba said the Party on May 25 sent a circular to branch headquarters saying the neo-Fascists "should not attack the Communists in areas where they (the Communists) are certain to win."

"It is in the interests of all Parties that the Christian Democrats do not reach a minority," the circular said, according to the Minister.

The neo-Fascists denied that they had issued any such circular.—United Press.

Indian Visitor Seeing Russia

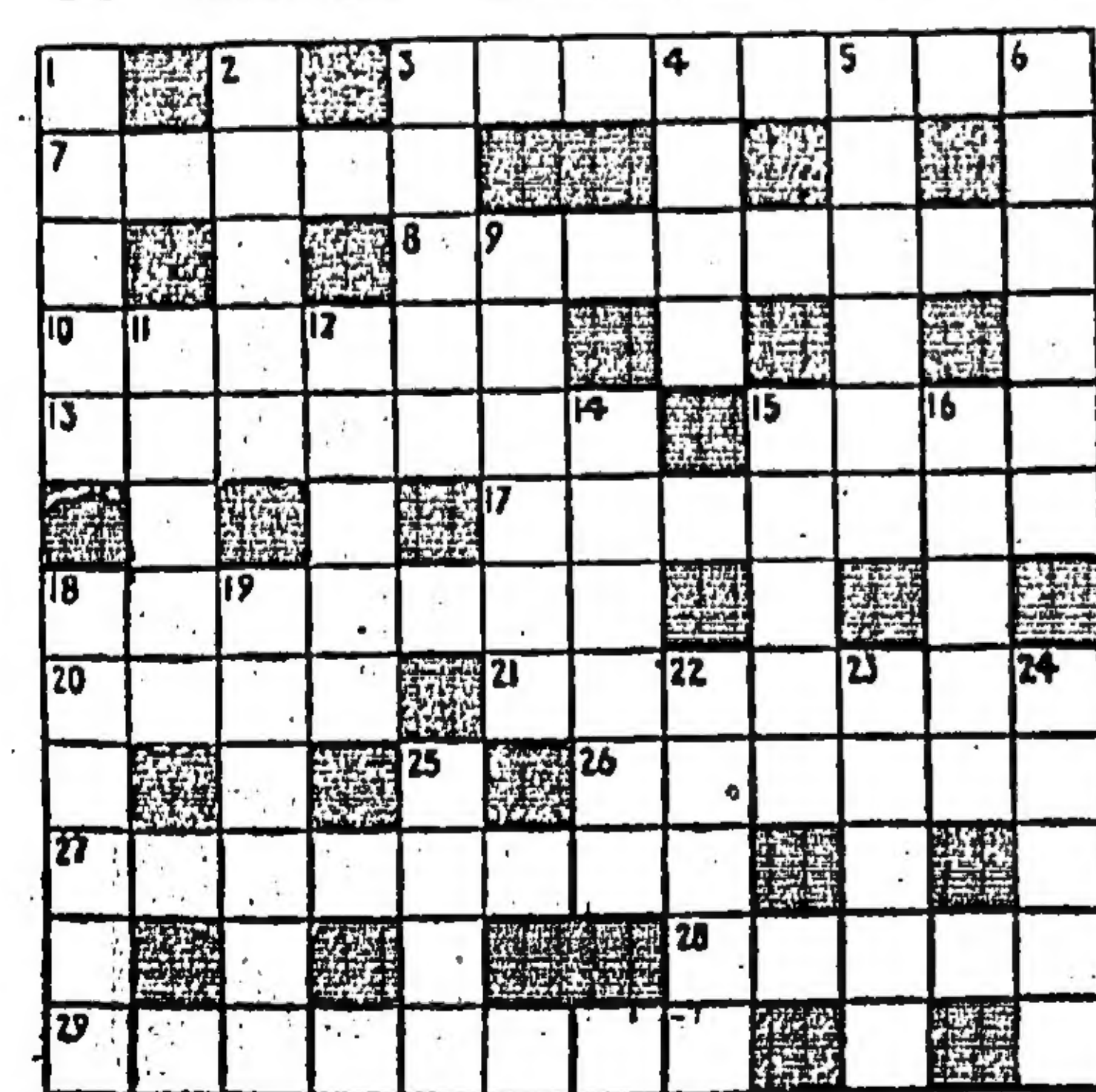
Moscow, June 3. India's Minister of Health, Rajkumar Amrit Krur, left by plane today for Tashkent, capital of the Uzbek Soviet Republic in central Asia.

She plans to spend five days in Uzbekistan visiting medical institutions there.

The Minister was accompanied by Dr. C. G. Pandit, Secretary of the Indian Council of Medical Research, and Mr. S. K. First Secretary at the Indian Embassy, together with a Soviet doctor and an interpreter.

The Minister, who attended the Coronation Ball at the British Embassy last night, arrived here a week ago and has spent her time visiting hospitals and clinics in Moscow.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 3 Decry (8). | 1 Assumed name (5). |
| 7 Ship (5). | 2 Bird (5). |
| 8 Acting against (8). | 3 Wide (5). |
| 10 Seen (6). | 4 Sacred figure (4). |
| 13 Slip (7). | 5 Painful spasm (6). |
| 15 Shivering fit (4). | 6 Young bird (6). |
| 17 Stir up (7). | 9 Eastern above others (6). |
| 18 Starts again (7). | 11 Worked steadily (5). |
| 20 Lazy (4). | 12 Follow (5). |
| 21 Meat ball (7). | 14 Strive against (6). |
| 22 Oozed (6). | 15 Divert (5). |
| 23 Assess (6). | 16 Male relative (5). |
| 24 Souvenir (5). | 17 Mature (6). |
| 26 Guarantors (8). | 19 Roof-worker (6). |
| | 22 Prophets (5). |
| | 23 Precious stones (5). |
| | 24 Draw out (5). |
| | 25 Radiate (4). |

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Blends, 5 After, 8 Humble, 9 Repeat, 10 Acute, 11 Blast, 12 Acre, 13 Hoard, 14 Defers, 15 Needed, 20 Signs, 22 Bill, 23 Sifts, 25 Demur, 26 Easter, 27 Acara, 28 Flees, 29 Shades. Down: 1 Barracks, 2 Exploring, 3 Drab, 4 Sullied, 5 Abashed, 6 Factor, 7 Enter, 14 Assisted, 15 Declares, 16 Desires, 17 Felters, 19 Ensure, 21 Ideal, 24 Sash.

European Army Pact Final Ratification Unlikely For A Year

Bonn, June 3.

One year after its signature and all the confident predictions that West Germany would have 12 well-trained and equipped divisions ready for combat by the end of 1954, final ratification of the European Army Pact appears still to be at least one year distant.

So far, only the two-chamber West German Parliament has ratified the West German peace contract signed in Bonn on May 26, 1952, and the European Army treaty signed in Paris on May 27, 1952.

Yet President Theodor Heuss has not yet signed the ratification bills because the Socialist opposition has filed suit with the constitutional court in Karlsruhe alleging that West German rearmament is unconstitutional.

DRASTIC SOCIALIST MEASURES

Proposed By The
Labour Party

London, June 3.

The Labour Party has proposed "drastic Socialist measures" in its new policy statement to be published later this month, the Party Secretary, Mr. Morgan Phillips, announced today.

Writing in the Party's official journal "Fact" he said the new policy would entail "a number of material changes in the lives of our people and the sacrifice of some cherished habits and traditions."

The Party's National Executive has been hammering out the 18,000-word statement for the last six months. A complete restatement of the Labour Party's foreign policy is to follow in July.

Mr Phillips said: "We shall outline drastic Socialist measures which alone can turn our present economic decline towards lasting prosperity."

"We shall propose a far-reaching reorganisation of some sections of our industry and a rapid continuation of the agricultural expansion which was so successfully begun under the two Labour Governments"—Reuter.

Propaganda In Truck

Irun, June 3.

Spanish frontier Police found Communist tracts and newspapers hidden in a truck bringing in electrical equipment from France.

The truck was turned back by the Pyrenees frontier post of Irun.

French Police are conducting an inquiry but have refused to give details.—Reuter.

They now plan to expand the suit to include a charge that, in fact, the two treaties have not even completed the legislative process, since the Upper House (Bundesrat) of Parliament simply "ruled no objection" to the bulk of the pact, rather than formally approving them.

If the present Socialist opposition wins this autumn's Federal parliamentary elections, they will certainly demand complete re-negotiation of the treaties as a minimum, their "complete reworking" in favour of a national German army with a North Atlantic Treaty Organisation membership as a maximum. Actually, however, the best pressing now is that the four-year old regime of 77-year-old Chancellor Konrad Adenauer will be returned to office.

Britain and the United States ratified the West German peace contract, the only one of the two treaties they signed and the one which binds the occupation of this nation, only a few weeks after it was signed.

The European Army pact envisages the merging of the continental forces of France, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg and the 500,000 West German soldiers to be conscripted as soon as the treaty is finally ratified by all signatories under a unified, international command.

WILL BE RATIFIED
This is the position of the light for ratification of this treaty as reported by United Press correspondents from five capitals.

France—Optimists expect ratification by early autumn, pessimists by late winter—or never. However, the majority of educated observers believe that the treaty will eventually be ratified although perhaps in some diluted form, mainly because of outside pressures.

These pressures include the United States, which officially still sees no alternative to the European Army if the Germans are to be re-armed to assist in Western defence, and all American military leaders insist that West Germany must be re-armed.

Also, France would find it most difficult to reject the treaty if all other signatories ratify it, since France authored the idea. However, no government since the treaty was signed has been strong enough to press for ratification, and the rapporteurs of the two National Assembly committees studying the treaty—Socialist Jules Moch and De Gaulle's General Pierre Koenig, former French military governor in Germany—oppose the treaty.

Italy—Ratification is dependent on the outcome of the June 7 parliamentary elections. If Catholic Premier Alcide de Gasperi wins, as he seems almost certain to do, he probably will seek ratification at an early date, although final ratification could not be won until after the summer recess.

COMMITTEE STAGE
Netherlands—Optimists expect Dutch ratification by July, pessimists by next Spring. The ratification bill is still in committee. It is possible that the committee stage can be completed in time to win ratification before the summer recess. More likely, however, final ratification probably will not be achieved until after the 1954 budget has gone through Parliament about next February or March. Only the Communists and a few isolated rightists who oppose the occasion by Holland of any sovereign rights reject the treaty. But the constitutional question was settled earlier this month when it was amended to permit the transfer of certain sovereign powers to international organisations.

Belgium—This state faces a constitutional crisis, making it likely that ratification cannot be achieved before some time next year. The parliamentary legal committee decided some time ago that constitutionally, the Government may not cede sovereign rights over its armed forces to an international command. The Government has tabled a constitutional amendment to meet this criticism. However, the amendment can be approved only if the Government resigns, permitting new elections coupled with a referendum on the proposed amendment. But the Conservative

Government is reluctant to call elections at this time, for fear that it may lose its present overall parliamentary majority and have to permit the Socialists back into a coalition government.

Luxembourg—This tiny but rich principality will do whatever her big brother Belgium does. Several things can be said about this principality. Any big Four conference, for instance, particularly if it is called to discuss German reunification, will probably have the effect of halting all action on the treaty everywhere while Europe waits to see whether the conference will be a success.

BALANCE NEEDED
The treaty's most fervent supporters, however, argue that the West ought not even sit down at the conference table with the Russians until West German armed forces have been established to correct the present imbalance in East-West military forces.

The West German Government's "Bulletin" said that at present the Soviet Union, her satellites and China, have twice as many men under arms as the NATO states, although it estimated that Russia can have not more than 100 atom bombs, while the United States is regularly producing probably 500 atomic and hydrogen bombs each year.

British and American diplomats remain officially optimistic about the outcome of the European Army pact. The exasperated British diplomat summed up the general Anglo-Saxon view recently when he said:

"One can, in fact, no longer even debate the principle of German rearmament, for the East Germans have at least 120,000 armed, trained soldiers; the only question now is how soon do we match that in the West."—United Press.

**EVEREST
NEWS IN
"RED STAR"**

Moscow, June 3. The Red Star newspaper of the Soviet Ministry of Defence, today carried a 42-word report on the success of the British expedition to Mount Everest.

Sent by Tass, the official news agency, from London, it read: "According to a communication transmitted from the camp of the English expedition on Everest on May 29, a member of the English expedition, a New Zealander, Hillary, and a local guide, Tensing, succeeded to the summit of Everest."

"Ten previous attempts to climb Everest ended in failure." The report was published without comment of any kind at the bottom of the foreign news page.

The Red Star was the only Moscow paper today to publish anything about the success of the expedition.—Reuter.

**Hailed By
President**

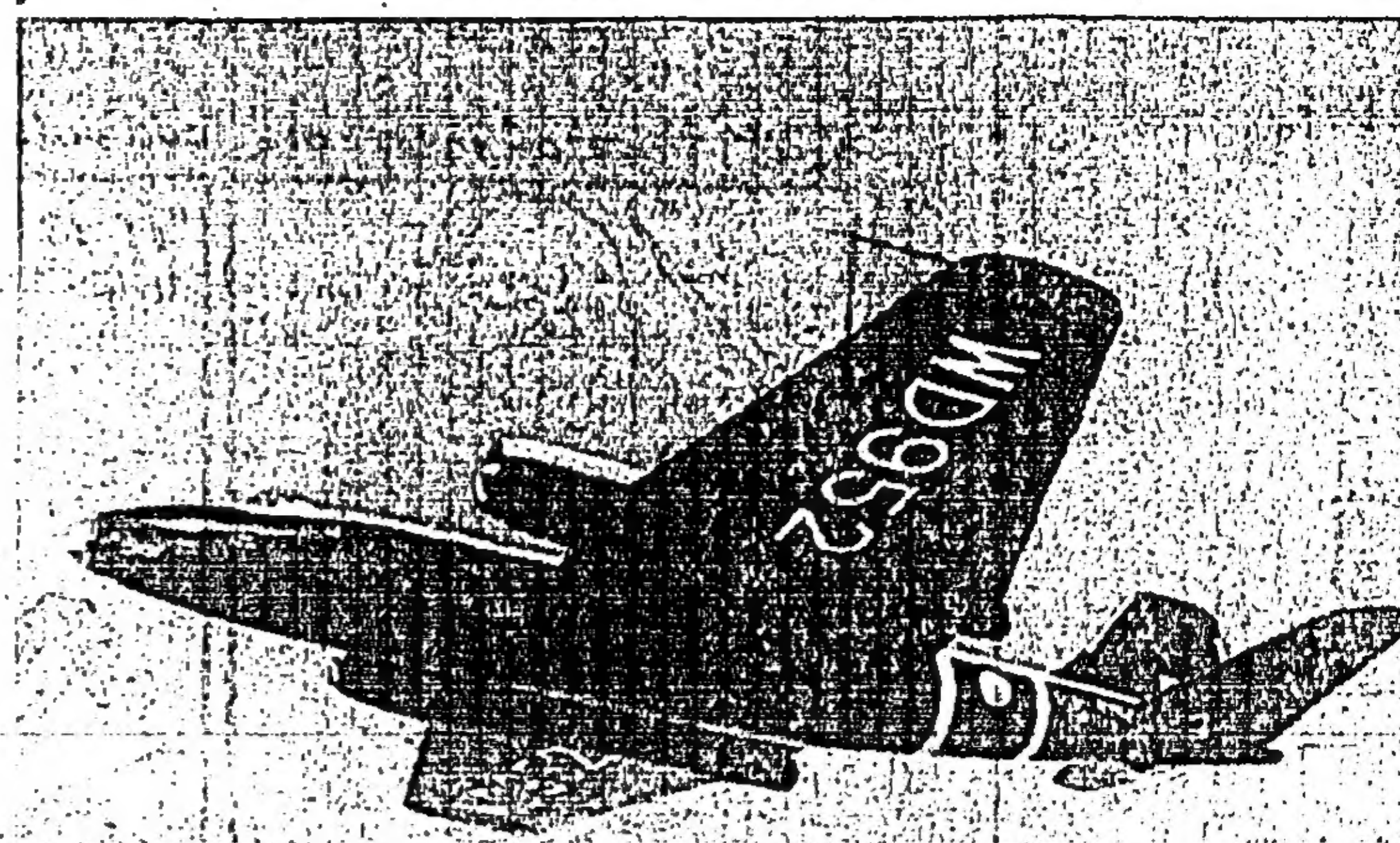
Washington, June 3. President Eisenhower today hailed the European coal and steel community as the "first important step" towards a united Europe.

At a White House reception the President met French, German and Dutch representatives of the Community who are on an official visit to the United States at the President's invitation.

The six-nation Community comprises France, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Italy and Luxembourg.

Also at today's reception were Mr John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State, and Mr David K. E. Bruce, United States representative to the coal and steel community.—Reuter.

World Altitude Record For Britain



The Bristol Olympus turbojet Canberra, piloted by Wing Commander Walter Gibb, set up a new world-height record of 63,668 feet—just over 12 miles. The Canberra beat the previous record, set up by Group Captain John Cunningham in a Vampire in 1948, by 4,222 feet.—Express Photo.

"American Security Impaired By Cuts In Air Spending"

Washington, June 3.

General Hoyt Vandenberg charged today that "uncertainty and confusion" in the Air Force, created by "contradictory" orders and budget cuts by the Eisenhower administration, had "impaired national security."

The outgoing Air Chief of Staff made it clear, however, that he was not aiming his charges at President Eisenhower himself. He told a Senate Appropriations sub-committee that he was "speaking of fiscal administrative actions that change from time to time."

General Vandenberg said the charge was based on his opinion that anything that "slows up the attainment of 143 wings affects security from my point of view."

Earlier he had said that the Chiefs of Staff had told the Defence Secretary, Mr Charles Wilson, in March that reduction of the Air Force goal of 143 wings by July 1958 would be "inviting security risks" beyond the dictates of national prudence.

He said the Joint Chiefs had never approved the administration's new goal—120 wings by December 1955. He added that he knew of no diminution of the Soviet threat or any change in United States strategy that would justify the cut.

The new administration has cut Air Force money requests for the fiscal year 1954 \$5,000,000 under the total asked by former President Truman.

The Air Force Secretary, Mr Harold Talbot, testified that the cut was determined first and the 120-wing programme was tailored to fit the reduction. He was not sure who made the budgetary decision on the cut but assumed it was made by President Eisenhower, the National Security Council and the Defence Secretary.

Today's testimony appeared likely to intensify the drive by Democrats, headed by Senator Richard Russell of Georgia, Senator Stuart Symington and others to restore some of the Air Force cuts. Several Republicans have indicated they are not absolutely convinced of the wisdom of the cuts.—United Press.

RUSSIAN MENACE
Washington, June 3. General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, retiring Air Force chief today vigorously opposed the Government's plans to reduce funds and the ultimate strength of the air force.

He told a Senate Appropriations sub-committee that a 143-wing goal to be reached by December 1955 had been agreed upon by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to meet the danger of a possible bombing attack by the Soviet Union and added that the danger had not lessened.

"Once again the growth of American air power is threatened with start-and-stop planning," General Vandenberg said. "And at a time when we have an enemy who has more modern jet fighters than we have and enough long-range bombers to attack this country in a sudden all-out atomic effort."

"Rather than reduce our efforts to attain air superiority over the Communists we should now increase these efforts."

General Vandenberg said his views and testimony resulted from his own belief that "this country, if it is to have a chance of victory in any major war, must have an air force that is second to none."

"To the best of my knowledge they are also the views of all those experienced in modern warfare."

The Eisenhower Administration has suggested an immediate reduction in the air force appropriation of \$5,000,000,000.—Reuter.

Celebrations Marred By Sabotage

Nicosia, June 3.

The Cyprus Electricity Authority said today an "act of sabotage" to a power line plunged Nicosia into more than an hour's darkness during Coronation celebrations last night.

The Government-controlled Authority apologized for the inconvenience caused to the public and said police were actively investigating the case.

Other anti-Coronation demonstrations this week included clashes between students and police at Paphos, West Cyprus, and the tearing down of the Union Jack outside the Commissioner's house.—Reuter.

COMPLETE FAITH IN THE U.N.

A Necessity, Says
Foster Dulles

Washington, June 3.

Mr John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, said today he had complete faith in the necessity of the United Nations.

He told the United States Committee for the United Nations that if the world organ should collapse and a third world war occur "the first thing we would do afterwards would be to create another United Nations."

He said the hopes that built the United Nations would survive although many people are disappointed in its achievements and thought it had failed.

"But we can still dig out an immense amount of good for the United Nations to do," Mr Dulles added.

He said the organisation could not work a miracle and lead the world to Utopia overnight.—Reuter.

Chinese Priest Appointed In Austria

Salzburg, June 3.

A Chinese priest has been appointed assistant in the Parish of Bramberg near here, the Catholic newsletter said tonight.

Paul Lue Tang was born in the Province of South Shantung where the Salzburg missionary, Father Alois Machner, was then working. He was baptised at the age of 12 and ordained priest in 1930.

When the Communists overran his native land he fled to the Philippines and thence to Rome. Owing to the shortage of priests in Austria he has now been appointed to be assistant priest to the Archbishopric of Salzburg.—Reuter.

FORMULA HEALS A SPLIT

Confidence Vote For
Ben Gurion

Jerusalem, June 3.

The Israeli Parliament (Knesseth) today gave a confidence vote to the Coalition Government of Prime Minister David Ben Gurion.

Four Right Wing ministers who resigned nine days ago were included in the reformed government.

These four ministers, of the Conservative Zionist Party, had resigned in protest against the insistence of Mr Ben Gurion's Labour Party (MAPAI) that state schools should be allowed to fly the Socialist red flag along with the national flag on Labour holidays.

They also objected to a proposal to allow the revolutionary hymn "The Internationale" to be sung in schools.

But they returned to the Cabinet when the Labour Party had agreed to a compromise by excluding the proposals from a State Education Bill due to come before Parliament shortly and voting them instead in a separate bill within six months.

Four no-confidence motions from the right and left extremes were defeated before the confidence vote was taken. Voting was 72 in favour, 24 against, with two members of the Ahdut, Israel's religious group, abstaining.

Earlier, a new split had threatened the reformed coalition during a debate which followed the Premier's statement that the four ministers had rejoined his cabinet.

The Knesseth adjourned for nearly three hours until a compromise formula was reached enabling the confidence vote to be taken.—Reuter.

Union Leaders To Be Freed

Tunis, June 3.

Seven Tunisian trade union leaders will be released from detention camps in South Tunisia tomorrow, the French Presidency-General announced today.

Five of them were detained after the murder of Fehat Hached, secretary-general of the General Union of Tunisian Workers, last December. These include Mahmoud Messadi who succeeded Hached as head of the Union.

The two others, members of a Communist-dominated union, were held when Chadly Hastali, a Tunis politician, was assassinated during last month's municipal elections.—Reuter.

Fish Were Hurdled Seven Miles

Onslow, June 3.

Linesmen repairing the overland telegraph line south of Onslow found dead fish seven miles inland.

They had been hurled there by a recent cyclone—one of the worst ever to hit this part of Australia.—United Press.

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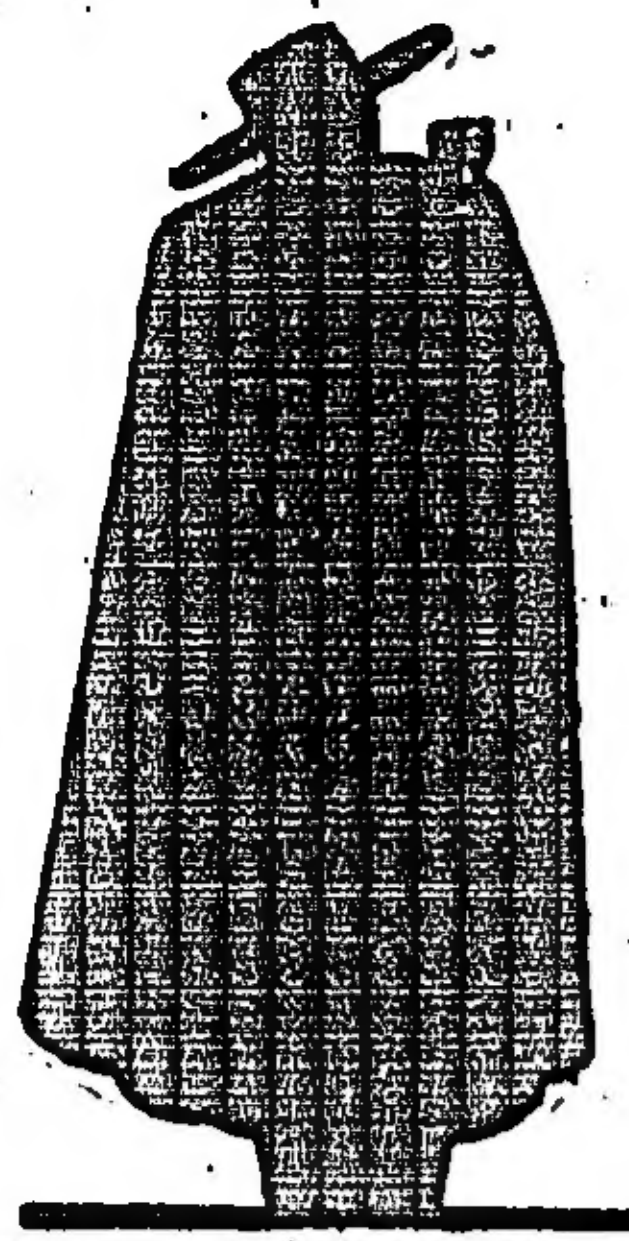
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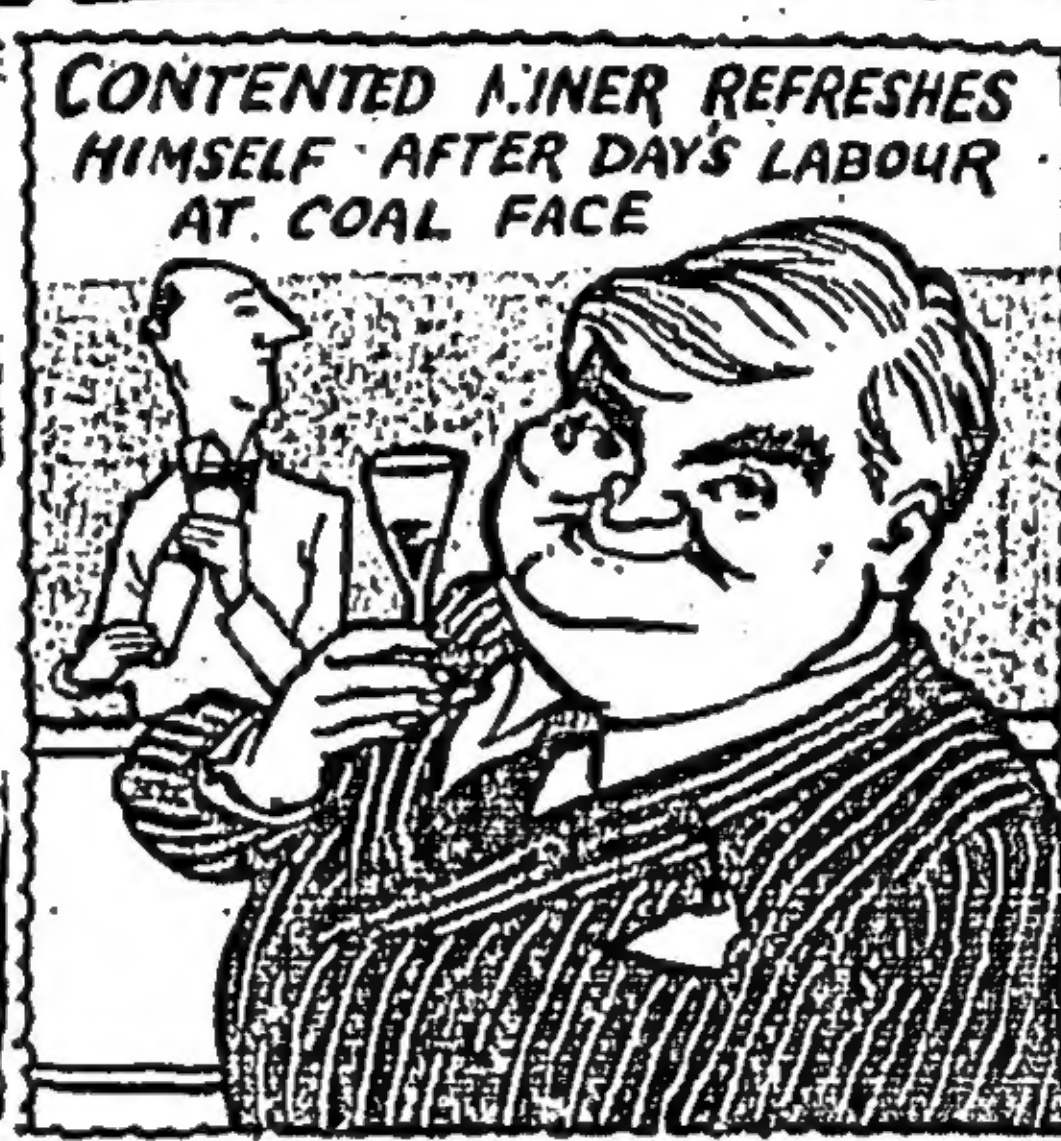
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OPEN TO ALL

SOME MORE LEFT-WING LEAFLETS

—but three of these are odd, also, says Cummings



WHERE DID CAROL'S MONEY GO?

SAM WHITE reports from Estoril, where the Royalty-in-retirement have been jolted by the question, "Did Carol die a poor man?"

Estoril (Portugal). THE bearded marshal of the Rumanian royal house, M. Urdariu, consulted shrewdly of documents, scribbled some calculations on pieces of paper.

At last he came up with his answer to the mystery of how much money ex-King Carol left. It was, he said, only £3,000—and this would be halved after outstanding debts and funeral expenses had been paid.

M. Urdariu was Carol's private secretary and closest adviser for 30 years.

"As you see, the King died a poor man," he said. Then, anticipating my question, he added: "Had he lived he would very shortly have been forced to appeal for financial help to exiled loyal Rumanians."

A few minutes later M. Urdariu broke down and wept. Through sobs he raged at Carol's son, King Michael, who has started legal proceedings in Lisbon to recover family heirlooms and valuables, as well as part of the fortune he believes his father left.

Search For Will

URDARIU told me of the fruitless search for a will in Carol's 14-roomed Estoril villa.

After ransacking the house the searchers decided to force open Carol's private safe in the presence of independent witnesses. The safe was empty, except for a prewar French ten-centime piece.

Did Carol take a sizable fortune out of Rumania? "That is nonsense," said Urdariu. "He left all the family jewels and palace art treasures behind him. Never at any time after his abdication was the King a rich man."

What of the villa, which had been bought for £30,000, and Carol's valuable stamp collection? Both these, Urdariu revealed, were in the name of his widow, Princess Helena, the former Mme. Lupescu.

Urdariu denied the existence of large investments and bearer bonds abroad which might also

have been made over to the Princess.

Although it is known that Carol's villa is mortgaged for £10,000 and that he had for some time been selling parts of his stamp collection, Urdariu's version of Carol's financial state is viewed with considerable scepticism in Estoril, where it is generally assumed that he was the wealthiest of the exiled monarchs in the balmy resort.

Obviously Michael's lawyers suspect the existence of a large fortune which has been made over to the widow. They are now asking the Lisbon court to order her to reveal all her foreign holdings and their precise origins. If they succeed in this, a Portuguese order can award a 50-50 division of her assets between herself and Michael.

Bitterly Divided

THERE are more exiled royalty per square yard in Estoril than anywhere else in the world, and they are bitterly divided over the issues raised by Michael's legal action.

The dispute is considered to be essentially between Carol's divorced wife and Michael's mother, Queen Helen, and the former Mme. Lupescu, on whom Carol conferred the title of Princess Helena in exile at a time when it was thought she was dying.

The anti-Lupescu faction clearly cannot forgive her for having been born a commoner and for subsequently coming between a king and his throne.

Others of whom ex-King Umberto of Italy is one, had a strong affection for Carol and condemned Michael for not attending his father's funeral.

One matter that is not disputed is that Carol grew increasingly unhappy over his estrangement from his son.

Princess Helena has aged dramatically since Carol's death. Her once-russet hair is now almost entirely grey. Since his funeral she has not left the villa.

To Sell Villa

THE exiled royalty and foreign aristocracy here received her, but she and Carol were never invited by Portuguese society.

She has not yet made plans for the future, but clearly she will not remain here. Preparations are already under way for the sale of her villa. Nobody doubts that she is a wealthy woman, and her jewel collection was made abundantly evident on her many social appearances here. One matter which will occupy her soon is

the publication of Carol's memoirs, which he had almost completed before his death. With Carol's death, the royal colony here now consists of the Pretenders to the Spanish and Portuguese thrones (Don Juan and Don Juanito), King Umberto of Italy and the Arch-Duke Joseph Franz of Austria.

Borrowed House

THERE is, too, the former Regent of Hungary, Admiral Horthy. Now 82, he lives with his wife, grandson and daughter-in-law in a borrowed house. He depends on aid from fellow Hungarian exiles.

Joseph Franz (55), a great-grandson of the Emperor Franz Joseph, lives in a small cottage with his wife and daughter. He occupies himself with his hobby, chemistry, and works in his vegetable garden, which provides his family with a little extra much-needed income.

Umberto is comfortably off, with money in Britain. He lives with his wife and three daughters and is the acknowledged leader of the exiles' colony.

The Portuguese grant exiled royalty and former chiefs of state diplomatic status. This frees them from taxation and helps them to restore some measure of ordered ease in their lives.

THEY HAVE TO LEAVE TOWN TO GET A NIGHT'S REST

From Nowell Rogers

GOOD MORNING! Did you sleep well? Then spare a thought for the toss-and-turn people of Climax, Colorado.

About 600 of the 1,500 citizens leave Climax every night to get a good sleep.

For Climax is the highest town in the U.S., 11,400ft. up in the Rocky Mountains. And at such a height there is less oxygen, so most people find breathing, and therefore sleeping, uncomfortable.

People live at this rarefied altitude because the world's largest molybdenum (steel-hardening metal) mine is up there.

The town is one of America's healthiest, because of its altitude and average temperature—five degrees of frost. Bacteria do not thrive there.

Celebrating is cheap, because of the lighter air. Climaxians

can get roaring drunk on one cocktail.

In the deep South at Atlanta, Georgia, Rufus Clement beat J.H. Landers for the school board by 8,000 votes. And that is the first time since just after the Civil War, nearly a century ago, that a Negro has beaten a white man for the post.

BRINGING UP baby for his first year in the U.S. costs \$92 dollars, reports Mrs. Rudolph Bernad Basso, of Richmond, Virginia. She recorded in a ledger everything she bought for her son Ronny.

A CHASE, cops-and-robbers style, was almost run for New York cop Don Santoro by 180 schoolchildren.

He was shepherding them across the street to their school when two men flashed by, one shouting "Stop thief!"

Santoro joined in, but almost did not get his man. His 180 enthusiastic assistants kept get-

ting underfoot, screaming "Shoot him, kill him."

THE U.S. CRICKET season is on. The game is on the rise from New York to California, with 5,000 players.

New York has four leagues. One is for white players, and three for players from Britain's West Indies Colonies.

In dramatic moments players think of a Test match. But they admit this is a good few years away.

VEKED because the dog-catcher took her dog, a woman let out all 300 dogs in the San Antonio (Texas) pound.

QUETLY Lt. Governor James B. Allen, of Alabama, got off the bus outside the Bryce Mental Hospital. He had just told a conductor who he was, and that he was inspecting hospitals. And the conductor smiled and said "O.K." It was a bus for inmates.

BEVERLEY BAXTER, MP, TODAY CONCLUDES HIS STUDY OF TWO TITANS OF BRITISH POLITICS

Eden And Butler

SLOWLY, skillfully Butler gathered about him young unknown men who were giving thought to the economic future. He paid them small wages but inspired them with the cool perfection of his mind. Between them they produced an Industrial Charter that startled the nation. The Right Wing Tories were shocked, but Trade Union leaders began to realise that the Tories were thinking constructively and realistically.

It was Butler's economic policy on which we fought the 1950 election, and shattered the Socialist majority although not defeating them. More men appeared on our benches in Parliament—serious but vigorous young fellows who spoke at once like veterans of debate. Most of them were Butler's Central Office cadets. Then came the 1952 election, and we were back to power though with a small majority.

Eden, unwisely I think, went back to the Foreign Office. We had hoped that he would become Minister of Labour and Leader of the House under Churchill, but the lure of the hussy of Foreign Affairs was too much for him. He knew the difficulties but he believed that he could bring peace to the world.

Butler, by that time in an impregnable position, went to the very heart of things. He became Chancellor of the Exchequer, responsible for the financial and economic survival of the nation. His was the task to reconstruct the life of the nation after seven years of Socialism.

Not Idled

WHEN he rose in his place last year to introduce his first Budget he showed no signs of nervousness. Like the rest of his ministerial colleagues, he had spent seven years in the political wilderness while the Socialists held power. But he had not idled the years away. There was still that attractive shy smile and calm, even voice, but no longer did he look like a Junior Minister unsure of himself. The Socialists studied him with puzzled eyes. Obviously they were not going to find him easy to hit.

It was a hard Budget, but it was constructive. It was a realistic Budget, unmarked by sentimentalism or partisanship. Above everything, it expressed the definite economic faith which he had first preached in his Industrial Charter. When he finished his long speech the Tories gave him a tremendous ovation that lasted for three full minutes.

Churchill's voice rang out above the din: "This is Tory democracy!" Anthony Eden thumped Butler on the shoulder. It was a conqueror's triumph.

But the Chancellor brought in one bad measure—the re-introduction of the Excess Profits Tax. In war such a tax is inevitable although necessary reasons in war to restrict profits. In peacetime, however, such a tax penalises the thrifty and bonuses the profligate.

Within a few hours the Financial Times opened a vitriolic campaign against Butler. The daily Times was not vitriolic but it was harsh. Even the

popular newspapers which had acclaimed Butler began to point out his errors. As for the Left Wing newspapers, they screamed that by raising the bank rate he had discouraged industry in order to put millions of pounds into the pockets of his friends the bankers.

Day after day and night after night in the long Finance Act debate, Butler was fired at from behind as well as in front. In fact a lot of us began to wonder what we had cheered about on Budget Day. But his critics made no apparent impression on him. He was never confused in his replies, never obscure, and certainly he was not apologetic. He had grown astonishingly in Parliamentary stature.

In the end his fate would largely depend on the result of his financial measures in the year ahead, but his Parliamentary performance was faultless.

No Chance

BUT how about Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary of Great Britain and Deputy Prime Minister? He was being stung with nettles in the Persian Garden. Old man Eden was more impressed by Eden than he had been by Herbert Morrison.

Egypt was in eruption as well. British soldiers were being attacked, Farouk was being un-pious (not difficult for him) and, of course, the Russians were behaving like Russians. The power and the glory had passed to America, and Eden went there at regular intervals like a commercial traveller reporting to the sales manager.

When the great Lord Palmerston set foot in Europe, the whole continent trembled. The satirists said that when Eden set foot on the continent only the British trembled.

Eden worked without respite, flying to Paris like a commuter, flying to New York or Berlin, flying to Lisbon or Cairo, Oily which waves used to calm the waves was in violent eruption. Wherever Eden looked there were situations in which he had no chance to attain a triumph but only to mitigate disaster. In Parliament he was attacked for using the clichés of official jargon. But what else could he do? He could not disclose confidential conversations, or even vent his feelings in public.

Then at long last he divorced his wife on grounds of desertion. He had tried hard to avoid the break-up of his marriage but he failed. Some of the newspapers openly discussed the attitude of the Church and the Palace towards a divorced Minister of State.

Toil, Trouble

IN due course came the news that Eden was going to marry again. The niece of Winston Churchill, but was only a registry office wedding, but the Churchills turned out in force and the London crowd cheered.

Then Eden went back to his life of toil and trouble. Naguib had seized power in Egypt. Naguib the incorruptible, Naguib the Liberator, Naguib the Reformer. Eden went to Cairo, where the new Dictator asked him to take the British troops away from the Canal Zone at once and to withdraw from the Sudan. After days and nights of argument they came to an understanding that the British would withdraw from the Canal Zone when the Sudan had decided whether it would remain in the British Commonwealth.

Eden gave him another ovation, and the capitalist press, hailed him next day as the man who must ultimately lead the Conservative Party when Sir Winston Churchill decided to retire.

ally itself to Egypt or declare complete independence.

What else could Eden have done? I cannot give the answer. But the Tory Imperialists were disturbed and angry. Eden was summoned to a meeting of the Backbenchers, and only partially allayed their anxieties. He looked tired and pale but he did not ask for pity. Actually he was suffering constantly from the illness that necessitated a serious operation a month later.

He should have had the operation a year ago but his task was so heavy that he could not hand his duties on to someone else. But the House of Commons, which can be so generous, can also be cruel. One day Eden returned from America where he had held most delicate and difficult conversations with the new Administration, and after Question Time he made a statement to the House which was couched in the routine departmental language of the civil service determined to reveal nothing. When Eden sat down the Socialists went for him like hounds after a weary stag.

The attack culminated in a scornful shout from a Socialist: "Cliches! Nothing but clichés!" It was cruel but it was true. His task has been an overwhelming one—the task of maintaining influence without power. No longer could we send a gunboat to troubled waters and terrify the natives. Yet he remained firm, friendly, and patient. If peace comes to the world, then mankind will have cause to be grateful to the patience and the clean heart of Anthony Eden.

So to the packed "HOUSE" of Commons, where he coolly and skillfully revealed the details of a real Tory Budget. Neither we nor the Socialists could believe our ears.

Second Budget

MEANTIME Rab Butler was ready with his second Budget, which he first disclosed to the Queen at Windsor Castle. As a man of letters (he is President of the Royal Society of Literature) he was both entertained and impressed by the serious interest which the young Queen showed in his financial plans. He told me that he really did grasp the significance of the whole plan and made some shrewd and amusing observations.

There would be no new taxes. Sixpence would be taken off the income tax. Purchase tax would be slashed. So he went on with what he called "My incentive Budget." But at once the cry rose from the Socialist benches: "You are going to the rich and giving nothing to the poor."

With that bland deceptive smile, which never indicates what is coming, he retorted: "I am not giving anybody anything. The Chancellor has no money. His task is to raise the money necessary to meet the nation's obligations. What I am doing is to take a little less this year from the taxpayer, but I am giving him nothing."

Then he revealed the philosophy behind the Budget. "Man, being what he is, works harder if he is rewarded for it. If the men on their feet worked harder, the nation's economy would be strengthened, and it would then become possible to increase old age pensions and to help the unfortunate."

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AT the end of Budget week Butler went to his country place and wandered about his splendid library savouring the enduring wisdom of the ages. A friend said to him: "You will be the next Prime Minister of Britain." With complete politeness and sincerity he replied: "Whichever of us survives, I hope to serve in Anthony Eden's Government."

There we end this story of the two young men from Cambridge and Oxford. I doubt if Eden will be able to resume his Foreign Office duties until August 1954, which time Parliament will have risen for the long Summer Recess. That means a dangerously long absence from Parliament.

But the heart of the matter is that Butler, who has been so long in the Government, is now being hailed as the man who must ultimately lead the Conservative Party when Sir Winston Churchill decided to retire.

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When Lord Hawke Gave Yorkshire Players Talent Money

By J. W. TAYLOR

The old Manor House, Wighill Park, near Tadcaster, is up for sale. Some people aver that it was here that Yorkshire County cricket was really born; if not, it was most certainly developed into the cricket stronghold it now is.

It was in 1874 that the Hawke family took over the tenancy of Wighill Park, where young Martin Hawke, then at Eton, took up residence with his family. An import of job was before him—he was to become captain of the Yorkshire County cricket team, a position he held from 1883 to 1910.

Yorkshire never had a greater captain. Under his guidance the county game changed beyond all ken and put Yorkshire on an eminence in cricket greatness it has retained ever since.

Lord Hawke, descendant of the great Lord Hawke, who had defeated the French Navy at Quiberon Bay in 1759, was typical of a great family—fond of tradition and of setting it, self-assured, strong, willed, proud, and aware of personal achievement.

He confided to a friend that when he took over the Yorkshire

cricket team it consisted of "Louis Hall and ten ole-cans!" Whatever fault he found, he soon eradicated it, and by judicious pruning, planning, guiding and controlling, he produced the keenest, ablest and most loyal team ever to play together.

DEMANDED THE BEST

He was a stickler for discipline and demanded the best that was in his men at all times, and for the good of cricket was not averse to taking unpopular action. He dismissed Ted Peate and Bobby Peel from the Yorkshire team when they were at the height of their fame.

Moreover, too, had to go for an incident at Lord's. He was seen to look at a high ball, let it hit the ground a yard in front of him and then throw it back to the bowler. Lord Hawke asked him why he did not catch it. Moorhouse replied: "Ah didn't think it was coming so far and when it did it was up there, Ah said 'Oh, damn it!'". Angry Lord Hawke replied: "If you won't try you've got to go, and this was Bobby Moorhouse dismissed.

For 30 years Lord Hawke held his own in first class cricket, played three times in the University matches, a first class cricketer in the County Championship and appeared many times for the Gentlemen versus Players. He might have been a world-beater as one of England's greatest left-handed batsmen, for in his youth he was a natural left-hander in his sport and games, but his pre-school coach at Newry induced him to change his bat to the right hand.

Lord Hawke was also a pioneer of world cricket and led nine touring teams to all parts of the world where cricket was played, including Australia, India, Canada, America, South Africa, the West Indies and the Argentine. The West Indians looked upon him with awe. Once a native bowled him for a duck. In the second innings the native spectators danced and beat the ground with sticks, urging the bowlers to "give de Lord another duck."

The Americans described Lord Hawke's appearance at the wicket as "A tall figure meandering across the field in a sort of shambling walk—and no wonder. His legs were fitted with a couple of circular washboards and his hands were muffled with lengthy gauntlets. He looked for all the world like Buck Taylor, the King of the Cowboys."

ANNUAL EVENT
One Yorkshire cricket club annual event looked for by the professionals—was the end-of-season party at Wighill. Lord Hawke instituted a system of talent money whereby he gave marks for outstanding performances irrespective of runs scored and wickets taken.

POLICE AID THE DON AT DUM DUM

Calcutta, June 3.

Police at Dum Dum Airport today lifted Sir Donald and Lady Bradman into a jeep and drove them away from some 1,000 cricket fans who had broken through a police cordon to get a close view of their cricket hero.

Sir Donald was passing through Calcutta on his way to London to report the coming Test series between England and Australia for a chain of newspapers scattered over four continents.

The Indian Cricket Board officials and local cricketers met him at the airport, where Sir Donald told pressmen he was not aware of conditions in India but saw no reason why Indian cricket should not be as good as in other parts of the world.

Replying to questions, Sir Donald said fast bowling was not necessarily the mainstay of Australian strength. At times slow bowlers had spearheaded the Australian attack.

"Good length and good direction are the fundamentals of bowling," he said.—Reuters.

During the party the sealed envelopes for each player containing his accumulated talent money for the season was presented. Not until they opened them did the players know how many points they had received and how much talent money they had earned.

His Lordship's personality was so strong that none dare even whisper his opinion of the result, nor show any sign of resentment or dissatisfaction on the field when the next season came round.

For many years Lord Hawke was Chairman of the International Selection Committee and, of course, had his critics. C. B. Fry's caustic criticism was: "He was a very good captain of the field," adding: "Lord Hawke just more Test matches than anyone who ever played for England." He was too much concerned with the fortunes of Yorkshire; he regarded the Test matches as spoiling the County Championship.

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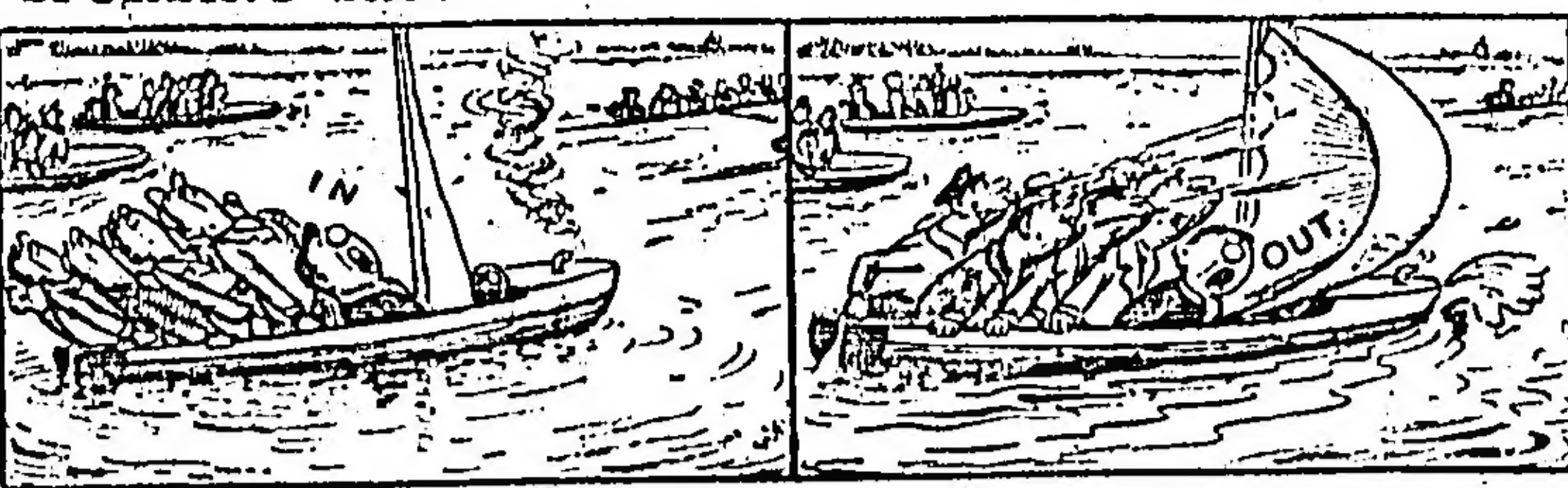
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SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



ENGLAND'S ATTACK HOLDS THE TRUMP CARD

Says PATSY HENDREN

Australian cricket scribes have built up Ray Lindwall, Keith Miller and the rest of the bowlers of the present touring side into almost legendary figures. Stan McCabe, my former Test adversary, has claimed that even if Lindwall and Miller have slowed down slightly because of advancing years, they are still a force to be reckoned with. No one would deny that assertion.

Stan also eulogises the fast bowling promise of Alan Davidson and Ron Archer, and England's old rival Bill Johnston. Truly a formidable array of pace! Again, I will not disagree, although I would venture to suggest that Australia will never have a more dominating pair of pace bowlers than Gregory and MacDonald, who were the power of the 1921 team—but even they were not unbeatable.

What has England to offer in comparison to Miller and Lindwall? For some years following the war, the old country lacked pace bowlers, but one of the most gratifying features of English post-war cricket has been the rise of some really grand fast bowlers—men like Fred Trueman, Brian Statham, Trevor Bailey and Alan Moss.

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Colin McDonald Scores A Century Against Sussex

Hove, Sussex, June 3.

Australia ran up a total of 325 against Sussex in their match which opened here today and the county's opening pair knocked 27 runs off without loss in about half an hour before stumps were drawn.

It was an Australian innings of phases in which the Sussex bowlers often held command. They got rid of Lindsay Hassett, Australian captain, who is the sixth batsman to open an innings since the tour started, at 17 but then a stand of 149 put the Australians on top.

Sussex then struck and took three wickets while 10 runs were put on. A stand of 58 steadied the Australians, who, however, lost three wickets while the total stood at 243. Then three of Australia's bowlers shared themselves good run getting in the tail and a final stand of 57 gave the tourists a respectable total.

Take away the 100 of Colin McDonald, who helped Hassett to open the innings, and the 82 of Neil Harvey and the Australian score sheet did not present a very bright picture.

Whatever the shortcomings of the Australian batting they must have been pleased with McDonald, who has been struggling to find his form. In six previous first class innings he had totalled only 58 runs with a best of 20. He was slow but methodical at the start today but gradually gained confidence.

McDonald did not score after tea, being one of three men dismissed at the same total—243. He was run out but could have got home easily had he not been concerned about his partner, realising too late that the return was going to his end.

It was McDonald and Davidson who rallied the middle batting with a stand of 58 for the fifth wicket and Hill and Johnston who rattled on 57 for the last after three wickets had fallen at 243 and two at 268.

THE SCOREBOARD

Australians, 1st Innings

McDonald, run out	100
Hassett, c. Langridge	82
Wood	24
Harvey, c. and b. Ockman	8
Miller, c. Doggart	6
Craig, c. Webb	6
Davidson, c. Doggart	6
Bates	24
Ring, b. Johnston	0
Lindwall, lbw b. James	3
Langley, b. Bates	20
Hill, b. James	25
Johnston, not out	28
Extras	23
Total	325

BOWLING:

	O	M	R	W
Wood	24	8	0	1
Bates	18	2	55	2
James	37	11	95	5
Ockman	25	8	82	1
Byes 20; Leg-byes 2; No ball 1				

by Webb.

Sussex, 1st Innings

Sheppard, not out	6
John Langridge, not out	18
Extras	6
Total for no wicket	27

BOWLING:

	O	M	R	W
Lindwall	3	0	7	0
Miller	4	4	0	0
Johnston	4	2	8	0
Hill	1	0	0	0
Byes 1; Wides 4; No balls 1				

—Reuters.

COUNTY CRICKET

London, June 3.
Most of today's county cricket matches were affected to some degree by rain and wintry conditions generally made things extremely unpleasant.

Cambridge University and Northamptonshire were unable to start their match at Cambridge, because of a saturated wicket while Yorkshire were restricted to 10 minutes batting at Harrogate against Leicestershire and lost their England captain Len Hutton.

Having hit five of nine runs, he tried a hook off a smart pitched ball, mistimed it and was caught at the wicket of the back of his bat.

Another curious dismissal today was that of Revell of Derbyshire. Struck on the hand, he shook off his glove in pain and it fell on to the wicket and dislodged a ball. He was given out hit wicket as the law says that a man is out if the wicket

A RECORD
Gimblett's was the first and this batsman, who holds all Somerset batting records, has now hit 235 sixes. No player has approached this feat in first class cricket.

During the game at Kilmarnock, the Somerset opening batsman, broke a toe when hit by a full toss from John Warren and is likely to be fit for several games.

Worcestershire were out in two-and-a-half hours for 70 against Nottinghamshire. Bruce Woodman, the Australian left spinner, accomplishing his best performance, and claiming the county with five for 39.

Nottinghamshire collapsed from 73 for one to 127 for seven, but a useful stand by Toole and Goodenough enabled them to gain a very valuable lead before the close.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

The following were the close of play scores in county cricket matches which began today:
At Nottingham: Worcestershire 70 (Woodman five for 39, Butler three for 10); Nottinghamshire 180 for seven.

At Llanelli: Glamorgan 353 for four (Parkhouse 99, Watkins not out 110, Wooller not out 62); Essex to bat.

At Birmingham: Warwickshire 183 for nine (H. Dollery 53, Spooner not out 6); Lancashire to bat. Rain restricted play.

At the Oval: Derbyshire 107, Surrey 78 for four.

At Lord's: Somerset 277 for four (Lawrence 89); Middlesex to bat.

At Bristol: Gloucestershire 231. Combined Services 60 for six.

At Oxford: Oxford University 325 for five declared (Marsh 91, Williams 50); Hampshire 13 for no wicket.

At Harrogate: Yorkshire 54 for one, Leicestershire 10 for four, rain restricted play.

At Cambridge: There was no play between Cambridge and Northamptonshire today because of rain.—Reuters.

Russo-American Chess Match

New York, June 3.

Russia's top chess players have agreed to meet an American team in a four-day match starting July 11. U.S. Chess Federation President Harold M. Phillips said Tuesday.

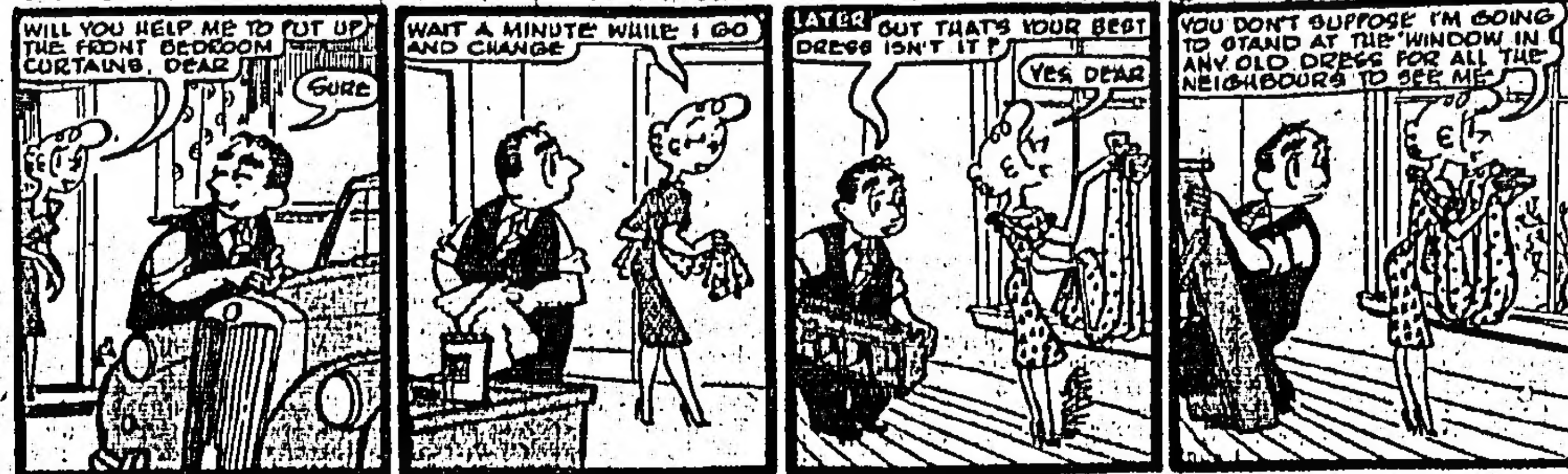
The next question, Mr. Phillips said, will be whether the Russians will get visas to come here.

The tournament had been agreed upon, some time ago, except for the waiting date.

Russian and U.S. teams played a 3-2 standard in the Olympics, although the Russians won the first of the tournament. The Americans' fifth.—Associated Press.

THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appley



Press.

The Secrets Of "The Scout" A FIVER FROM THE PIE-KID

THE PROCESS of lifting veils should be delicate. Even if one raises a veil what is there to be seen? Most probably another veil.

These "secrets" are culled from my old notebooks, tattered racecards, the backs of menus; many of these tales of the Turf are stores, odd-lots from the attic, impressions still vivid of bygone days and nights.

I have left out the speckled and tawdry. Just as in the old song on Blayden Races—let's have "a" the smiling faces."

It's a trite saying that "On the Turf, and under it, all men are equal." It could be so, but then your guess could beat mine."

The secrets of the Turf in those five words you find the clue to the magic and glamour and mystery which go to form the fascination of racing.

You and I and anyone else above the mental age of ten know, in our hearts, that there are really no secrets in life. Some just happen to be kept better than others, that's all.

FOR INSTANCE: Somewhere on our East Coast there are long, lonely stretches of flat sand where at high tide such characters as Doug Smith or Johnnie Dimes could walk out seawards for half a mile before being lost to sight.

Rather more than 12 years ago it was my frequent duty, night and morning, to visit "B" Company's three-gun position, scattered for five miles over this curlew-haunted expanse.

There was something incongruous, however, in the vista

of sand, sea, and sky... a crumbling but stoutly constructed wooden jetty, built apparently for no functional reason that one could name.

Its being there puzzled me, and one day I asked an old man who worked a plot of ground near by if he could explain why it was built.

"Ah, said he. 'That was where the boat came in years ago and unloaded for French horses which won at Lincoln under a different name.' He chuckled. 'They all won a packet of money, but they didn't come to any good in the end, for all that.'

"What was the name of the horse?" My question must have been timed too sharply, for my interest must have appeared over-obvious. "That would be telling, wouldn't it?" said the old man as he went on looking.

A COUP

Well, that is a typical "racing secret." We moved away from that area soon afterwards, but the problem stayed with me and it was a long time before it was solved to my satisfaction. It was a coup, all right, fantastic in conception and execution.

But the old man was correct. There was a row between the associates, and from then on they were dogged by misfortune.

They say £100,000 was won. And, years later, all to show for this brilliantly executed conspiracy is a useless, crumbling, tell-tale jetty interrupting the rhythm of that sea-swept waste.

Forgive me if I don't pin names, but my purpose is to take you not into the mortuary but behind the scenes, to meet some of the great personalities of racing, some of its drabs, and some of its eccentrics.

That reminds me somehow of another story which I was never able to tie up... the reminiscences of Billy, better known as "The Pie-Kid."

THE FRIEND

Billy was a snub-nosed little character from Newcastle, grand-boy and handyman for the likes of the famous jockeys, ready to ferret out 13 to 8 odds to 1 chance, sing a song in a melodious tenor, or go fetch a bottle of wine, as occasion warranted.

In his early home-town days he used to be a purveyor of tales (hence the name), backed a good few winners in the early 'twenties; moved to London and started following the races.

He had a rare fund of kindness and an innate sense of how to behave, for all his rough upbringing and his partiality for Scotch whisky. Ben Warner, Hannam, Tom Westhead, Jack Pennington, "Stouty" Parker—all used him as their intermediary at one time or another.

"Pie" helped me around quite a bit, without thought of reward, when I was first fledged as a racing journalist 21 years ago.

"I'm not telling you—just stering you," he used to say after placing a big bet for one of his bosses.

A FIVER

I can recall him overstepping the line only once—it was after Cheltenham races. A cocktail party was being held at Madres-

field, the lovely, moated, ancestral home of the Lytons.

"Pie-Kid" was among the arrivals. And either he was overawed by the environment or dismayed by the leisurely pace of replenishments after the quick ones doled out at the races.

Anyway, he peered off a fiver, pressed it into Bradford, the butler's hand, and called out in a voice for all to hear: "There's a fiver, old feller, set me up again. Next round's on me."

There's a right way, though, about making a false move, and the laughs were with him and not against him.

He promised me, some ten years before his death in 1947, to make available the story of his life. With this in view, we met one evening at his favourite hotel near Baker Street. We sat ourselves by the fire. I had a writing pad and pencil, and there was a bottle of Scotch for Billy. "Now then," I hinted, "let's both get started."

THE TEARS

To my amazement, this tough little man with the repartee of a cockney and the ruggedness of a Geordie, put his head between his hands and shook and shook and shook in an uncontrollable fit of sobbing.

"I've never quite figured it out, but I suppose he reckoned that he had had rather a sad life, despite his outward show of gaiety."

"Pie" is just one of the many picturesque individuals that have crossed my path since that afternoon, 21 years ago this month, that an office-boy put his head round the door of the sports-room in the old Daily Express building in Shoe Lane and announced that the Editor wanted to see Mr. Graham. Silence fell over the room, not broken until I was in the passage.

It was the humiliation I dreaded. I thought, as I walked along that dark, twisting corridor. To be sacked after three months—and only doing clerical work at that. "Yeah," they would say. "Thought he could come straight from blooming Eton and walk step into a Fleet Street job, eh?"

The Editor said his piece tactfully and gently. He reminded me that Geoffrey Gilbert (our racing columnist at that time) had warmly recommended me as a potential racing journalist, and that therefore he had allowed me three months' probation in which to learn the rudiments of newspaper work.

Some of the senior members of the staff, however (and this brings the odds to 33—1 on, and no takers), thought my experience was needed (50—1), further training, perhaps with a provincial newspaper (no betting; just wait for the result).

A WONDER

But Lord Beaverbrook, added the Editor, laid particular emphasis that our paper (this sounds better) should be essentially young and vigorous. Therefore... well, what a turn-up!

It wasn't really until next morning that anyone could convince me that all this had happened. But there, on the front-page, was a picture of me in Eton dress, top hat and tailcoat (never knew how they got that) and the news that "a Boy-Wonder Tipster" was to take over the "Bender" feature at the start of flat-racing.

TOMORROW: I MAKE STEVE DONOGHUE ANGRY
—(London Express Service)

EUROPEAN BASKETBALL TOURNEY

Moscow, June 3. At the end of the sixth day of the European Basketball Tournament, the teams now stand:

Soviet Union, 12 points; France, 10 points; Czechoslovakia, 9 points; Hungary, 8 points; Yugoslavia, 7 points; Italy and Egypt, six points each.

France defeated Hungary today in the final pool by 50 to 30—France-Press.

★ ★ ★ A SEAT IN THE STALLS ★ ★ ★

WARNER BROS. ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR 44 FEATURE FILMS

"If ever there was a time in the history of our industry, with the confused tumult and shouting, to speak of current progress and future plans in terms of common sense, that time is now," Jack L. Warner said in making one of the most significant announcements to come from Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc., since that company introduced the modern talking picture.

"World audiences may expect screen entertainment of a variety and design never before possible," the studio head said. "We have just begun to tap the enormous resources available for a vivid new approach to motion picture entertainment."

"Our Warner Bros. programme has been charted to take fullest advantage of all the amazing scientific and technical advances. We will use wide-screen WarnerScope, three-dimensional and two-dimensional photography, WarnerPhonic sound and Technicolor wherever they are logical and appropriate to our production."

Four-year top bracket pictures announced by Warner for the period between now and September, 1954 include the following productions made and to be made:

Ben Hogan Is Favourite For The U.S. Open

New York, June 3.

Professional golfers in America are now well into the richest Summer schedule in golf's history, a 24-tournament line-up with total prize money of a half million dollars.

The richest tourney is the World Championship at Tam O'Shanter Country Club near Chicago on August 6-9, with \$75,000 at stake, and no tourney has less than \$15,000 prize money.

But the one "big one" of the whole year is the United States Open which is to be played from June 9 to June 13 at Oakmont Country Club at Pittsburgh.

This is the one that carries the most prestige and is the one whose winner is the King of Golf in America for the next year, the man who can make the most money from exhibitions and endorsements.

TOP CONTENDER

Julius Boros, a 33-year-old native of Connecticut, won the 1952 Open, and the World Championship at Tam O'Shanter, too, and is a top contender this year again, but the favourite probably will be Ben Hogan, the little man from Texas who has been a star since 1933 and has won the biggest title in golf three times.

Hogan, who will be 41 in August, won the recent Masters Tourney at Augusta with a new record and seems to be at the top of his game. He was third last year in the Open.

The Open is all medal play, with the first two days devoted to qualification rounds which cut the 300-man field to the best 160 for the third round, and only the best 60 scorers go into the final day's two rounds of play.

It is a gruelling test, and that is the chief hazard to Hogan, who was in a bad car accident a few years ago and has never fully recovered his stamina.

USUAL BAD LUCK

Sam Snead, who rates with Hogan as one of the two best golfers of the era, never has won the Open and is having his usual bad luck this time. He has a hand injury which will handicap him if it does not subside him entirely.

Gary Middlecott, the ex-dentist from Memphis, is another consistent winner. He was 1949 US Open Champion and took six other titles that year. Last year he won four tournaments and was runner-up in the World Championship. He was 24th in the 1952 US Open. —United Press.

"The Desert Song," romantic musical comedy, starring Kathryn Grayson and Gordon MacRae, directed by Bruce Mitchell, and produced for Warner Bros. by Rudi Eber.

"The Beast From 20,000 Fathoms," science-fiction thriller about a pre-historic monster which emerges from the sea to wreak havoc and spread terror among Atlantic seaboard cities, produced by Hal Chester and Jack Dietz for Warner Bros. and directed by Eugene Lourie.

"Dial M For Murder," to be directed by the screen's suspense master, Alfred Hitchcock, from the London, New York Chicago stage hit by Frederick Knott.

"Eve of Eden," from John Steinbeck's current best-selling novel, to be directed by, Ella Kazan.

"South Sea Woman," romantic adventure story starring Burt Lancaster and Virginia Mayo, directed by Arthur Lubin, produced for Warner's by Sam Bischoff.

"Mister Roberts," from the Josh Logan-Leland Hayward play, which has become the footlight sensation of the generation.

"Mississippi Woman," from Tennessee Williams' original screen play, to be directed by Elia Kazan.

"The Heat and the Light," current Book-of-the-Month Club selection by Ernest Gann, to be produced for Warner Bros. by Wayne-Fellows Productions, with William Wellman directing.

"The Charge At Feather River," science adventure story, starring Guy Madison and Frank Lovejoy, with Helen Westcott, Vera Miles, Dick Weston, Onslow Stevens, directed by Gordon Douglas, producer, David Weisbart.

"Diamond Queen," starring Fernando Lamas, Arlene Dahl and Gilbert Roland, produced for Warner Bros. by Frank Melford, with John Brahm directing.

"So This Is Love," the story of Grace Moore, musical drama starring Kathryn Grayson and Grace Moore, produced for the studio by Henry Blanke, and directed by Gordon Douglas.

"Island in the Sky," powerful drama of modern aviation, starring the screen's "Number one box office star" John Wayne, with Lloyd Nolan, Walter Abel, James Arness and Andy Devine, in Wayne-Fellows production for Warner Bros. directed by William Wellman.

"Thunder Over the Plains," a panoramic story of pioneer Texas, starring Randolph Scott, Lex Barker and Phyllis Kirk, directed by André de Toth and produced by the studio by David Weisbart.

"Blowing Wild," filmed by United States Pictures for Warner Bros., and starring Gary Cooper, Barbara Stanwyck, Ruth Roman, Anthony Quinn, with Ian Macdonald and Ward Bond and produced by Milton Sperling directed by Hugh Fregonese.

"The City Is Dark," starring Sterling Hayden, Gene Nelson and Phyllis Kirk, which Foy produced for the studio, André de Toth directed.

"The Moonlighter," a man-chase across the Southwest starring Fred MacMurray and Barbara Stanwyck, and being produced by Joseph Bernhard for Warner Bros., directed by Roy Rowland.

"A Lion Is In the Streets," a William Cagney Production for Warner Bros., starring James Cagney and adapted from Adria Locke Langley's exciting best-seller. Raoul Walsh directed.

"The Eddie Cantor Story," with Keefe Brasselle as Eddie Cantor and Marilyn Erskine as Ida, produced for the studio by Sidney Skolowsky, directed by Alfred Green.

"Hondo," Wayne-Fellows production for Warner Bros., to star John Wayne in the outdoor action-type role which made him the screen's top box office personality.

Robert Louis Stevenson's classic "Master of Ballantyne" starring Errol Flynn, filmed against the background of England and Scotland, as described by the famous author, William Kelphigh directed.

"Plunder of the Sun," Wayne-Fellows production for Warner Bros., and starring Glenn Ford, Diana Lynn and Patricia Medina, produced by Robert Fellows, directed by John Farrow, photographed in the ancient Aztec ruins of Zapoltepec.

Edna Ferber's Pulitzer Prize novel "So Big," starring Jane Bryan, Sterling Hayden, Gene Kelly, Robert Fells, Henry Fonda, producing for the studio, directed by Robert Wise.

"Calamity Jane," combining the glamour and excitement of the old Dakotas with the singing of Doris Day and Howard Keel and the dancing of Allan Melrose, with William Jacobs

producing for the studio, David Butler directing.

"The Phantom Ace," inspired by Edgar Allan Poe's famous story of the terrifying figure in "Murders of the Rue Morgue."

"His Majesty O'Keefe," from the recent top of the best-seller list, filmed in the Fiji Islands, starring Burt Lancaster and Joan Rice, produced for the studio by Harold Hecht, directed by Byron Haskin.

"The Boy from Oklahoma," with Will Rogers, Jr. in the role of an Oklahoman who settles an outlaw problem Oklahoma-style, with Nancy Olson as co-star, produced for the studio by David Weisbart, directed by Michael Curtiz.

"Three Sailors and a Girl," musical comedy starring Jane Powell, Gordon MacRae, Gene Nelson, Sam Levene, Jack E. Leonard, George Givot, directed by Roy Del Ruth, produced for Warner Bros. by Sammy Cahn.

"Riding Shotgun," a modern treatment of the old stagecoach days, starring Randolph Scott, Joan Weldon, directed by André de Toth, produced for the studio by David Weisbart.

"Lucky Me," starring Doris Day, to be directed by Jack Donaghy.

"Them," a new excursion into science-fiction, to be produced for the studio by Ted Sherdman.

"A Star Is Born," which returns Judy Garland, beloved singing star, to the screen, with Sid Luft producing for the studio.

"Madame Modiste," from Victor Herbert's famous operetta, to star Kathryn Grayson.

"Rear Guard," colourful outdoor action drama from J. Warner Bellah's Saturday Evening Post story.

"Man of War," the story of the great American thoroughbred, to be produced for the studio by Sid Luft.

"Gown of Glory," which Henry Blanke will produce for the studio, from the best-seller by Agnes Sligh Turnbull.

"Queen of Sheba," to be based on the old Homeric legend of the fabled beauty whose face launched a thousand ships.

"Black Ivory," from the Poland Banks novel on the exploits of the colourful pirate Lafitte.

"Quietly My Captain Waits," from the historical best-seller by Evelyn Eaton.

"Last Train West," to star Alan Ladd.

"Covered Wagon," a drama based on the historic exploits and heroism of the Donner Party—in the great migration sweep of the last century.

"Bluebeard and His Seven Wives," based on the famous Parisian underworld figure of the turn of the century.

"Under the Big Top," to star Burt Lancaster, produced by Harold Hecht.

"The Knights of the Crossed," story of Richard the Lion-Hearted.

St. John Ambulance Orders

Order by Commissioner D. W. MacIntosh, CMG, OBE, Knight of Grace, Venerable Order of St John of Jerusalem, Commissioner of St John Ambulance Brigade, Hongkong District, No. 23/53, Dated June 4, 1953.

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Penetration Squad Duties—7.5.53, Dr. Lincoln K. Luk, Dentist Tong Chun-kwok & Western Dist. Nsg. Div.

Watch Duties—6.5.53, 2 p.m. Republic Bay Eastern Div.; Big Wave Bay Shaukiwan K.F. Div.; Shaukiwan Div.; 7.5.53, 5.20 a.m. Republic Bay Western Div.; Big Wave Bay Kennedy Town Div.; Shaukiwan Div.; 7.5.53, 1.30 p.m. Republic Bay Shaukiwan Div.; Big Wave Bay Western Dist. Div.; Shaukiwan Central Div.; 13.5.53, 2 p.m. Republic Bay Chung King Div.; Big Wave Bay Cantonian Div.; Shaukiwan S.C.A. Div.; 14.5.53, 9.20 a.m. Republic Bay Causeway Div.; Big Wave Bay H.K.Y.M.C.A. Div.; Shaukiwan K.C.O.N. Div.; 14.5.53, 1.30 p.m. Republic Bay Shaukiwan Div.; Big Wave Bay Shaukiwan Div.; Shaukiwan Eastern Div.

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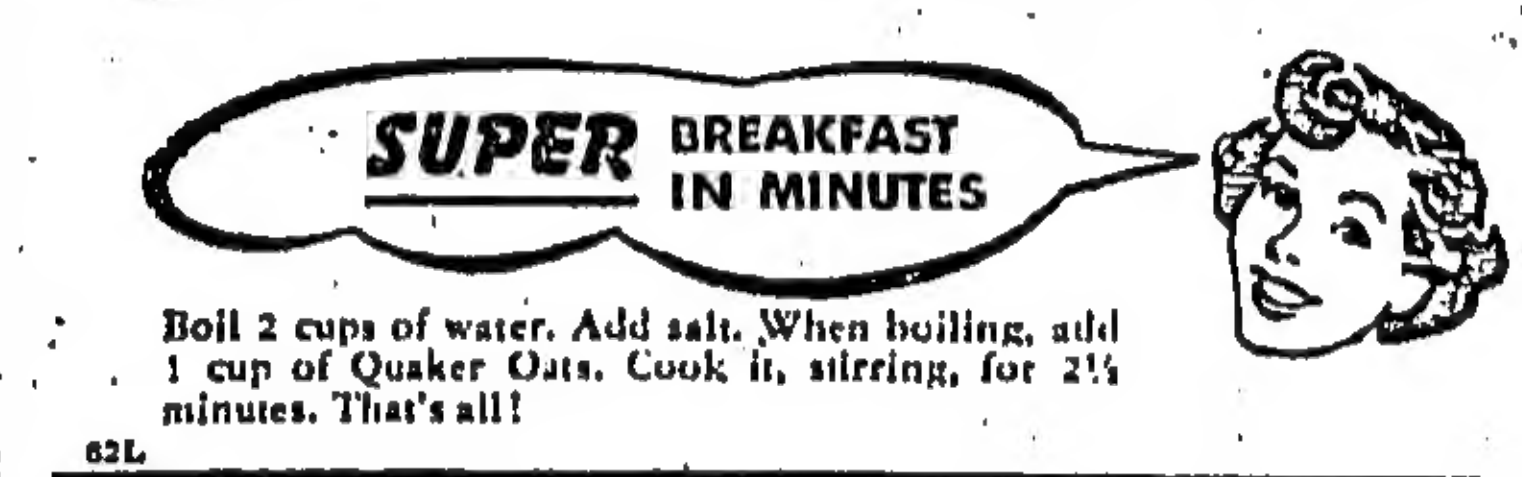
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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Caff Society

It was to be my last educational tour of the West End with Alfred, and he said: "You ought to see something of the Caffs, and we can start here." He led the way through a steamed-up glass door into an oblong room that seemed to be all tea-trays and calendars of pin-up girls.

There were one or two customers sitting alone, grey-faced, sad-looking men in mackintoshes who made a cup of tea last of very long time. At the end of the counter, round a pin-table, were a crowd of youths who looked as if they might be having a night out from Borscht, and who fell silent at sight of us.

Every thing seemed decorous and Alfred said: "Caffs are useful, because, as you have seen, some of the other places are very expensive to do business in. Caffs are a little public of course, but the regular customers know each other, and if strangers come in, they will support operations until the woman who served us with this tea gives them the okay."

"That big fellow over there, for instance, is probably asking about getting rid of what was in a suitcase he's picked up. He is a fellow that helps people carry their bags from stations, which is not so useful to them as it sounds, because the first he knows, he's generally known about him working for them when they find their cases have disappeared."

AMBITIONS?
I ASKED Alfred a question that has often occurred to me in court. "Do these people, the thieves, and frauds and receivers, have long-term ambitions? Do they hope ultimately to retire and live in the country, or start up some place of their own?"

"No," Alfred said firmly. "I only know one man like that. He saved what he made, and now he runs a club, and it is so respectable that he won't have anyone make it that he used to know in the old days, or any of the up-and-coming boys."

"Why do they do it then?"
"Cos they don't like working, and most of them are very fond of a drink. Sometimes it is a woman that is behind it all, but mostly it is a bottle."

SCREWSMAN
A GRAINED little man came up and spotted Alfred. He came over beaming with pleasure, and, diving into his mackintosh pocket, he pulled out a mortise lock—the kind you might fit to a front door.

"Here's something good," he said. "I just got a job, straight up, and what's the first thing they tell me to do? They tell me: 'Here you, Colly, fix this lock to that door, will yer?' Well, I want to say to them, 'They ought to be prosecuted, the people as told you that lock; why, I could pick it in a minute with a hairpin.' Course, I don't say nothing. Better not, eh, Alfred?"

"Colly was a screwsman before he turned over a new leaf," Alfred explained, and Colly looked pleased to see himself so described.

"Come on," said Alfred, "we had better go, and let everyone get on with their business because they are beginning to look impatient."

So we said goodnight and left, and walked out into the street, among the near-beer fouts and the dealers in stolen goods, and the hostesses hurrying to work on high heels, and the suspect and sneak-thieves slouching off to their night's work in broken shoes that had no heels at all. We left the world where a policeman is called a rozzor, and a main street is a drag, the territory from which the courts of Central London draw their custom.

We took a shabby bus ride that carried us over the frontiers of London's badlands, which are more sad and drab than they are sinister. Into the sleeping suburbs, where nothing but ladder-gangs and the late bus disturbed the peace of the night.

THE BLUE BLOOD OF THE SHEEP WORLD GO ON DISPLAY

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, June 2.

All the blue blood of the Australian sheep world was on display last week when the New South Wales Sheepbreeders held their annual fair.

More than 1,100 sheep of 10 different kinds appeared before 20 judges.

Over the week-end the championships were awarded and this means something more than just a blue ribbon. Wins for a few successive years can make a stud, can add hundreds of guineas to the value of one of these walking goldmines.

Following the championships came the annual sales and no one was very surprised when a ram brought the world record price of £5,200 — which is pretty costly mutton.

To give some idea of how sheep today are high finance, an expert estimated that more than £500,000 would be needed to buy the sheep that were on display.

This Sheep Show has gained quite a lot in importance over the last few years. The new values in wool have had a lot to do with it, of course, but so has air travel.

In the old days bringing sheep meant days in a train and there were not many stockmen who would risk their best rams and ewes by sending them on such a journey.

PADDLED FLOATS
But now air freighters do the work in a few hours. The day before the Show opened blue blooded stuff tripped haughtily down gangplanks at Mascot airport and were whisked away in padded floats to stalls at the Showground, where they got as much attention as most of the exhibitors.

It was a matter of a few minutes to get the wool carriers were something out of the box.

In three hours at the sales one morning this week, £34,000 was paid for merino rams and in less than a week more than £200,000 changed hands.

But in Adelaide the president of the Associated Chambers of Commerce in Australia, Mr W. J. Allison, told the annual convention that Australia was relying on wool for its prosperity. He said this could be attributed to high prices and the difference in the profit margin for wool compared with other primary products.

With such rapid popularity, this danger should be realised, he said.

Roderick Hearne drove his sleek, new expensive sedan out of his garage at the week-end. He was taking it very carefully with the new car... you know, running in and so forth. A few miles out a small car hit him. It wasn't serious, but it marred the sleek appearance.

Famous Mr Hearne turned the car to a metal-tearing crash.

The shiny new car was taken away jacked up behind a towing truck.

OLYMPIC BRAWL
The Olympic brawl should, of course, have been the first item in the column this week, but quite frankly, we were too ashamed to put it there.

It is so very much like the lad who was always crying "world!" But now Mr A. W. Coles, who was chairman of the Games Control Committee, has resigned.

Official reason: Because the Victorian Government decided not to build an Olympic pool on the original site chosen, but it is known that this was merely the last link in a long chain of unhappiness.

The Games Organising Committee met last Saturday morning and the members came out glowing with self-confidence—a feeling by no means shared by the common garden variety characters who are filled to the back teeth with everything connected with the Games.

The Acting Premier of Victoria, Mr L. W. Galvin, said genially: "It was a great morning's work. We have no doubts about anything."

There certainly have been some differences; also one or two misunderstandings, and that last bit about the Games going on could well take their place in the cutting book of famous last words.

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New Zealand troops in London to represent their country at the Coronation are seen here taking over the Palace Guard at Buckingham Palace from the Australian troops who stood guard for the previous 24 hours. — London Express.

Totally Dependent On United States

Washington, June 3.

The South Korean Ambassador here, Dr You Chang Yang, said today his country was now totally depending on the United States for ultimate unity and peace.

He was explaining the significance of South Korean President Syngman Rhee's declaration in Seoul yesterday that his Government would "co-operate with the United States at any cost."

President Rhee and his associates have bitterly criticised the United Nations truce proposals which would leave Korea divided and members of the Rhee Government have threatened to fight on alone.

But authorities here believed that President Rhee's statement and that of the Ambassador today meant the South Korean Government had dropped any idea of fighting on alone.

The Ambassador said his Government understood that truce terms which the United States supported were in part the result of pressure by America's allies, not necessarily the terms preferred by the United States Government.

"In the circumstances," he added, "we do not want to go against the United States."

"By giving in our people feel, and our Government feels, that we are putting the complete fate of Korea in the hands of the United States, whose actions will determine what their future is to be."

—Reuter.

Winter Back In Europe

London, June 3.

Winter came back to Europe today with snow and bitter winds.

The French national meteorological office announced that yesterday was the coldest June on record in Paris since 1870 with the maximum temperature at 12.8° Centigrade (55° Fahrenheit).

The French Riviera was a couple of degrees colder.

Deep snow blocked the Grossglockner Pass in Austria and many Alpine passes into Italy. Hall storms swept the Po River Valley in Italy yesterday and the mercury dropped to freezing at Bolzano today.

Heavy snow covered the Juras in Switzerland during last night and this morning. Hall and rainstorms swept Belgium and northern France yesterday and night snow fell in the mountainous east of the country.

But if the weathermen in the Scandinavian countries are correct, better weather is on the way. Slightly higher temperatures were prophesied from Denmark, Norway and also Holland. —Reuter.

Woman's Mail Alleged Offence Notices

Hearing of the case against Wong Yuet-han, 38-year-old woman charged with using an instrument with intent to procure a miscarriage, continued before Mr Justice A. D. Scholes, Acting Police Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The accused was alleged to have operated on a 22-year-old woman, Wong Kuan-shun, on January 24 this year at No. 10 Leo Street West, first floor, where the accused lived.

The Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, and Mr Oswald Cheung, both instructed by Mr F.X. d'Almada, are defending the accused, who is on bail. The Prosecution is conducted by Mr D.F. O'Reilly, Mayne, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det.-Sub-Inspector G.A.D. Rich.

Evidence was given that Wong Kuan-shun went to see the accused after she had discovered a certain physical change in her, and the accused told her she was pregnant. It was then agreed between the two that the woman should receive certain treatment and Wong Kuan-shun paid some money to the accused for it.

Shortly after midnight on January 24, it was further alleged, Wong Kuan-shun was treated by the accused. The following morning, the Police raided the house and arrested the accused.

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